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BIRTHS.

BURDEN—December 24, 1937, at St. Benedict's Private Nursing Home, Barrington street, Limerick, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burden, Clareville, Lisnagry, County Limerick, a son.

COSTELLO—December 21, 1937, at the Bromhead Nursing Home, Lincoln, to Dorothy, wife of J. W. Costello, M.A., Colonial Forest Service, Nigeria, a daughter.

MONTGOMERY—December 22, 1937, at Leinster Nursing Home, Upper Pembroke street, to Eileen, wife of John Montgomery, "Kinvara," Killiney, a daughter.

MURRAY—December 24, 1937, at Hatch street Nursing Home, to Mr and Mrs. T. R. Murray, "Brannur," The Stiles road, Clontarf, a son (stillborn).

MARRIAGES.

BAKER and SETON—December 21, 1937, at Holycross Church, Thurles, by the Rev. G. S. Baker, assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Seymour, Rector of the Parish, Hugh Thomas Baker, B.A., B.A.I., only son of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Baker, of Cork, to Eileen Stuart, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seton, of Holycross, Thurles.

HEWSTON and JAMESON—December 1, 1937, at St. Mary's Church, Cramlin, County Dublin, by the Rev. W. J. M. Burrows, M.A., Robert Thomas Hewston, of 125 Kimmage road, West, to Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Jameson, of Brannockstown, County Kildare.

PERRY and O'REILLY—December 30, 1937, at the Brompton Oratory, London, Thomas George Perry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Perry, of Lisdera, Belmont, Ireland, to Maureen Grace (Betty) O'Reilly, only daughter of Mrs. Grace O'Reilly, of Wilmount, Killiney, Dublin, and of the late Michael O'Reilly.

DEATHS.

BLAKE—December 26, 1937, Charlotte, wife of Walter Blake, Swakeley Cottage, Ickenham, Middlesex. No flowers, by request.

DAWSON—December 30, 1937, at 25 Coulson avenue, Margaret, loving and beloved wife of late Alfred Dawson. "To depart and be with Christ, which is far better." Funeral private. No flowers.

DOYLE—December 29, 1937, Mary, relict of the late Michael J. Doyle, Baltinglass. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Friday) at 1 o'clock from St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass. Office and Mass Tuesday morning next, January 4, 1938, at 11 o'clock.

FAVA Giovanni—December 30, 1937, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. Mass at 10 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) at University Church, St. Stephen's Green. Funeral after Mass.

FITZPATRICK—December 29, 1937, at her residence, "Melrose," Tritonville road, Sandymount, Dublin, Martha, widow of the late James Fitzpatrick. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

HEAGNEY—December 30, 1937, at Baggot street Hospital, James F. Heagney, of 126 Clontarf road, Dublin. Remains will be removed from hospital to St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf, this (Friday) evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) morning, after 10 o'clock Requiem Mass, for Glasnevin.

HEARD—December 30, 1937, at the Belgrave Nursing Home, Rathmines, Mamie Vincent, aged 54 years, wife of E. A. H. Heard, 60 Wilfield road, Balsbridge, and only daughter of the late William Henry Jackson, Inane, Roscrea, County Tipperary. Funeral strictly private.

KEENAN—December 29, 1937, at her residence, St. Mary's, Novara road, Bray, Anne, widow of the late John Keenan, eldest and last surviving daughter of the late Nicholas and Margaret Ledwidge. Deeply regretted by her sons, daughters, and grandchildren. R.I.P. Funeral to Kilmacnogue Cemetery, after Requiem Mass in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock.

KIERNAN—December 30, 1937, at St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Christopher Kiernan, 155 Griffith avenue and 96 Capel street, Dublin. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing husband and family. R.I.P. Funeral, after 10 o'clock Mass, Marino, to-morrow (Saturday) morning, 1st January, 1938, to Glasnevin.

LEWIS—December 7, 1937, at her daughter's residence, 14 Currie avenue, Toronto, Elizabeth Cuddie, widow of the late George Lewis, late of Green Dragon, Carlow.

McDOWELL—December 23, 1937, at Mowbray, Cape Town, S.A., Lawrence FitzHenry McDowell, M.D., second son of the late Mrs. E. F. McDowell, of Loughtea, Killaloe, County Clare.

MacQUAID—December 28, 1937, at his residence, Clare Castle, after a brief illness, Philip J. MacQuaid, Clare and Newry, Sheriff, County Clare, to the great sorrow of his wife, son, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Remains were removed to Clare Castle Church at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Requiem Mass yesterday (Thursday) at 9 a.m. Remains were removed, by road, after Mass, to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Clohogue, Newry, arriving about 6 p.m. Solemn Requiem Mass at Clohogue to-day (Friday) at 12 noon. Funeral immediately afterwards to family burial ground, St. Mary's Cemetery, Newry.

MAGUIRE—December 29, 1937, at his residence, Gubaveeney House, Blacklion, County Cavan, Charles Maguire, retired teacher, father of Rev. E. Maguire, Maynooth Mission to China, and Rev. J. Maguire, S.C., Rathmines, and brother of Sister M. Paschal, St. Anne's Convent, Castlerea. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Doobally, to-morrow (Saturday), January 1, at 3 o'clock.

MORRIS—December 21, 1937, Edith Elizabeth, Dalkey, widow of the late John Morris. Interment took place on December 24th.

O'MEARA—December 30, 1937, at her residence, Burrin street, Carlow, Mary, relict of the late William H. O'Meara, M.D. Remains will be removed to Cathedral, 7 o'clock, this (Friday) evening. Funeral (private) to-morrow (Saturday).

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

BOBBETT—The mother, sisters, and brother of the late Mary Agnes Bobbett, Foxrock, The Ward, wish to convey their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with them in their recent and bereavement, also those who sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy, trusting that this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

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EXPERIENCED WORKING HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED for hotel, able to relieve in all departments when same cleared when necessary; permanency.—D 1561, this office. 30 B

GOOD plain COOK, dining-room, must be good bun lunch trade, £52 per year; 2 strong country GIRLS for kitchen work, 18 years age, £25 per year; HOUSEMAID-WAITRESS, must be quick, £25 per year; fares paid.—Mrs. Rayner, 162 Farringdon road, London, E.C.1. 30 F

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED CONTINUED

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MOTOR CARS CONTINUED

1937 MORRIS 10 Saloon de Luxe, purchased September, small mileage; owner going abroad.—Stephenson, Fairhaven, Delgany. 28 F

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FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Dublin—Cattle in short supply and dearer, Sheep and Lambs firmer, Dairy Cattle in demand, and sharp advance in Pig prices. Bristol—Milch Cattle in short supply, and prices easier. York—Late rates maintained for light show of Irish Stores. London—Wheat cargoes quiet, Tin and Copper improve, and Rubber steady.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN (METROPOLITAN).

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of	
			1935.	1936.
Beasts	2,113—increase	722	2,731	2,553
Sheep and lambs...	3,502—increase	1,707	4,868	4,787
Veal calves.	2—increase	1	6	3

Notwithstanding an increase of over 700 head, our cattle supplies were under a seasonable gathering. Real quality beasts were conspicuously scarce, and commanded much dearer terms; in fact, market throughout showed a decidedly hardening trend in values, which became more and more confirmed as business proceeded. At the same time, there was an absence of competitive opposition among buyers, but sellers were not slow in accurately gauging the situation, and, recognising the insistent demand for prime quality bullocks and heifers, accordingly took advantage of improving the money position. Altogether, tip-top grades of cattle may be reported a good 2s. to 3s. per cwt. dearer over our best previous markets, while ordinary and rough descriptions were more readily placed to better advantage in the absence of the choicer article. There was a good and business-like attendance of buyers in home and shipping interests, but many complaints were heard of the poor quality offered, and most of our leading buyers failed to get sufficient numbers of suitable bullocks and heifers. It would appear as if stocks are being held for the bounty in the new year, as both supplies and quality here this week were much below standard of other years; but market nevertheless got sold up early. Beef cows more numerous, with demand strong for local and shipping centres at 2s. to 3s. per cwt. advance. Secondary sorts also placed to better advantage, and bulls short of requirements at dearer rates. Best bullocks, 34s. to 35s., extra 36s. to 37s. per cwt.; heifers, 32s. to 34s., extra 35s.; secondary sorts, 30s. to 31s.; rougher, 27s. to 29s.; beef cows, 14s. to 23s., and bulls, 22s. to 24s.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Supplies, although larger than last week, were much under a seasonable gathering, and gave few pens of real quality to draw upon. There was a good attendance of both home and cross-Channel buyers, with the latter more active in their selections of lambs, and where suitable pens were offered buyers found no difficulty in securing firm to dearer rates. Local victuallers were early on the track for nice wethers and ewes, particularly the former, which fell short of requirements at stiffer terms. Over-heavy or lean classes, which formed the bulk of supplies, again brought sales into a late hour, when values were:—Mutton, 5½d. to 9½d. per lb., and lambs, 25s. to 47s. per head, according to class.

DAIRY CATTLE.

The gathering of dairy cattle on market this week totalled over 100 head, most of which were of secondary and small class. Fair attendance of buyers in shipping interests, and trade proved keener with a rather dearer trend in values for prime classes. However, in dealing with the poorer or doubtful beasts, sales were as slow as previously, but a fair clearance was effected around late rates. Best cows, £16 10s. to £18 10s., extra £20 to £21 per head; heifers, £16 to £18, extra £19 to £20; useful sorts, £13 to £15; others, £9 to £12.

PIGS.

An increased supply of swine put on market this week—viz., 896 head. There was a full attention. New Zealand finest 113/- to 116/-, first grade 112/- to 113/-; Australian 111/- to 114/- per cwt. EGGS quiet and prices generally easier. Northern specials 19/9, standard 18/6, selected 17/6, duck 19/6; English new laid, standard 19/6; Australian 17lb. 15/6, 16lb. 15/-, 15lb. 14/6, 14lb 14/-, 13½lb. 13/9 per 120.

CARDIFF.—After the holiday activity trading in most sections has been much smaller, and prices for butter and poultry show declines, but bacon is still firmly held. Wholesale quotations, delivered in Cardiff district:—BACON firm. Irish prime 1/- dearer at 91/- to 95/-, and Danish partially 3/- higher at 99/- to 105/- per cwt. BUTTER easier. New Zealand 1/- cheaper at 115/- to 118/, and Danish 8/- lower at 149/ to 153/- per cwt. POULTRY quiet and easier. Chickens 1/- to 1/2, hens 7d. to 9d. per lb.

BRISTOL.—BACON—Although supplies met a fairly steady clearance, prices at the close showed some irregularity. Official prices of English were unchanged, Irish unchanged to 2/- down, Danish and Dutch were 2/- lower for No. threes, with other grades unchanged. Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Polish were 2/- higher to 3/- lower, and Canadian 1/- higher to 1/- per cwt. lower. HAMS—Short cuts were in quiet demand at steady prices. LARD—Supplies of American on the spot met a slow demand, and prices show a fall of about 1/- per cwt. on the week. CHEESE—Canadian was quietly steady at previous rates, whilst New Zealand moved off rather slow and prices were occasionally 1/- per cwt. lower. BUTTER was in quiet demand, with prices 1/- to 2/- per cwt. down on the week.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market, 1,665 tons, being 452 tons British and Irish produce and 1,213 tons imported. Very little demand for all descriptions of meat. BEEF (National Mark prices)—English long sides, select 5/- to 5/4, ditto prime 4/10 to 5/-, ditto good 4/8 to 4/10. General prices (including National Mark)—English long sides 4/8 to 5/4, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/10 to 5/6; Irish (Birkenhead killed), sides 4/8 to 4/10, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/10 to 5/4. PORK—English, under 10st. 6/8 to 7/2, ditto 10st. to 15st. 6/- to 6/8, ditto 15st. to 20st. 5/4 to 5/10, ditto over 20st. 4/10 to 5/2; Irish, 15st. and under 5/10 to 7/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Supplies fairly large and trade satisfactory, a good clearance being effected at:—York cabbage 15/- to 30/- per large load, small 8/- to 12/-; Savoy, large 10/- to 20/-, small 6/- to 9/-; swedes 10d. to 1/3 per cwt., mangolds 10d., lettuce 6d. to 1/2 per doz., cauliflowers 1/6 to 2/-, seconds 4d. to 8d., sprouts 1/- to 2/4 per chip, carrots 1/6 to 2/6 per doz. bunches, beet 1/- to 1/3, leeks 1/6 to 2/6, parsnips 4/- to 5/- per bag, turnips 3d. to 6d. per bunch, celery 1/- to 2/6, thyme and sage 1d. to 2d., parsley 6d. per tray and 2/- a bag.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Sales continue fair, with supplies ample at 4/- to 4/6 and 4/9 per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Short supplies totalled three chests lobsters, 100 boxes herrings, and a small amount from country and local senders. Demand sharp at:—Lobsters 26/- to 30/- per 13 large, others 8/- to 16/-; soles 17/6 to 20/- per nine pairs large, others 8/- to 12/-, turbot 2/- to 7/- each, brill 1/- to 2/-, herrings 15/- to 20/- per box, plaice 30/- to 58/- per half-box, cod 15/- to 26/-, whiting 8/- to 15/-, and ray 15/- to 17/-.

PRODUCE.

LONDON—SUGAR—British makes remained quiet, unchanged. Raws 96 p.c. afloat to the United Kingdom sellers 6/1½. January-February 6/2¼ c.i.f. Terminal very steady but slow. May delivery sold 6/3½ and August 6/4½ per cwt. COFFEE—Spot market still quiet but steady for mild liquoring qualities, and which are in comparatively small supply. COCOA steady. Accra 61/9 February-April 26/6 c.i.f. Terminal December sold 25/9, January 26/1½, March 26/- to 26/3 and 26/1½, July 26/4½, September 26/7½ to 26/6, October 26/7½ per cwt. SPICE—Pepper dull. Lampong black January-March sellers 23½d., March-May 24½d., white Muntok January-March and March-May 33½d. per lb. c.i.f., Cloves unaltered. Sago Flour 8/9 per cwt. c.i.f. TEA—Private market generally quiet, but undertone is one of firmness. RUBBER steady, quiet. Sheet spot and January sold 7d., February 7⅛d., April-June 7⅛d. to 7⅜d., July-September 7¼d. October-December quoted 7⅝d. per lb. HEMP—Manila grades slow but firm on small offers. K January-March £25 10/- c.i.f. SISAL—African steadily held, but buyers rather shy.

JUTE—Market suffered a further and marked relapse, cable advices from Calcutta being of a depressing nature; a moderate business was effected. Firsts December-January sold £18 5/-, January-February £18 6/3, February-March £18 7/6, Lightnings December-January sellers £17 10/-, Hearts sellers £16 15/-, Dnisee £16 15/-, Tossa £17 12/6 c.i.f. Calcutta Gunnies quiet and weak. SHELLAC dull. T.N. spot 43/- to 46/, March sellers 44/-, May 45/-, and January-February c.i.f. 43/-.

OILS—Linseed barely steady. Spot (small lots) sellers 30/-, January to April 27/6, May 27/7½, September-December 27/10½. Rape slow. Crude spot 36/-, refined 37/-. Cotton steady. Crude Egyptian naked spot 20/6, common edible 24/-, deodorised barrels 28/6. Soya dull. English crude naked spot 27/-, deodorised barrels 33/6. Coconut steady. Ceylon white drums spot 23/-, January 19/7½, English deodorised barrels spot 30/-. Groundnut quiet. English crude naked spot 28/6 deodorised barrels 36/6. Turpentine maintained. American spot 31/9. January-April 32/6. Rosin steady. American grade B 14/-, F/G 14/9 per cwt.

OILSEEDS—Linseed—Market quiet and barely steady. Plate to Hull January sellers £12 8/9, February also March £12 7/6, Calcutta to London January £15, April-May £14 7/6, Bombay to London January £15 1/3, March-April £14 12/6. Rapeseed quiet. Toria to Hull January-February £14 3/9. Cottonseed slow. Egyptian black to Hull January to April £5 12/6. Groundnuts dull. Coromandel to the continent January also February £11 10/-, March £11 11/3, April £11 12/6. Castorseed steady. Bombay to Hull January-February £14 2/6. Soya Beans slow. Manchurian to the continent December £8, January also February £7 19/9 per ton c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR steady and unchanged. Sellers basis 96 deg. pol. parcels at 6/1½ afloat and 6/2½ per cwt. January-February shipment, both c.i.f. to the United Kingdom. Refined descriptions steady, and recent prices show no change. COCOA—There is little or no inquiry experienced for spot parcels of West African. Forward shipment positions firmer, but quiet. Sellers of new crop good fermented Accra at 24/9, and new crop Lagos, f.a.q., at 22/-, with buyers of both descriptions at 6d. less. January-March, February-April shipments, c.i.f. Continent, per 50 kilos. Later sellers very reserved, and nominal values 25/3 and 22/6, c.i.f. respectively. JAPANESE PEAS met with a quiet demand on spot, and store parcels steady and unaltered at £22 per ton. RICE BRAN—Burma in quiet demand, but steadily held at £5 12/6 per ton, ex-ship, February-March shipments.

OIL CAKES—Forward shipments of linseed descriptions meet with a fair inquiry at fully steady prices. American quoted £8 15/-, River Plate (round) £8 17/6, and Indian expeller £8 12/6, all c.i.f., December-January shipments. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed steadily held at £4 12/6, December-January shipment, ex-ship terms. Forward shipments of groundnut quietly steady.

OILSEEDS—Linseed—River Plate quiet and barely steady at £12 11/3 per ton for new crop, January-February shipment; later 1/3 easier. Cottonseed steady, but quiet. Values of white woolly sorts unaltered at £4 5/- to £4 15/- per ton, forward shipments, ex-ship terms, according to position and quality. Palm kernels quietly steady, with sellers of January and February shipments at £11 2/6 per ton; later 2/6 dearer. PALM KERNEL OIL—Crushers' prices steadily maintained at £29 for crushed and/or extracted crude, g.m.q., and £26 per ton for deodorised, all naked, ex-mills Liverpool. GROUNDNUT OIL quietly steady. Local-made deodorised unaltered at £33 per ton, ex-mills. COCOANUT OIL—English-made crushed crude held at £22, naked, ex-mills Liverpool. Forward shipments of imported descriptions rather quieter; white Ceylon in drums quoted £19 10/- to £19 15/-, and Straits £19 5/- per ton, both c.i.f. to Liverpool.

SEED OILS—Liverpool makes continue steady, but quiet, at late rates. Cottonseed quoted 23/- for refined edible and 25/- deodorised net, naked. Soya deodorised nearer and quoted nominal. Linseed 30/- at 33/- for raw and 34/6 per cwt., boiled, on spot, in barrels, all ex-mills. PALM OIL steady, but slow. Sellers of soft oils for December-January shipment at £17 2/6, January-February and February-March at £16 17/6, and March-April and later positions at £16 12/6 per ton with transit option, and 2/6 per ton less quay terms. TALLOW—Prices steady and unaltered, but demand rather quiet. South American No. 1 frigorific beefs quoted 22/6, and Australian good colour, mixed, 21/- to 21/6 per cwt., both c.i.f. for shipment.

The markets will be closed from this evening until Monday morning, 3rd January, 1938.

LONDON METALS MARKET

TIN AND COPPER IMPROVE.

TIN market firmer, but business restricted. On balance official quotations were 40/- to 45/- per ton higher, both cash and forward. Standard cash quoted £183 5/- to £183 10/-, three months £183 to £183 10/-; settlement £183 10/-. Sales amounted to 100 tons; three months at £183 to £183 5/-. English ingots quoted £183 10/-. East sold £184 c.i.f. per ton. COPPER firmer, with a fair demand. Official quotations marked an advance of 6/3 to 7/6 per ton for cash and 7/6 to 8/9 forward on balances. Standard cash £38 5/- to £39 5/-, three months £39 10/- to £39 11/3; settlement £39 5/-. Sales amounted to 800 tons; three months at £39 17/6 to £39 15/-. Electros quoted £43 to £44, wire bars £40 per ton. LEAD steadier, with a fair trade. 1,100 tons sold; good soft foreign pig December £15 12/6, March £15 11/3 to £15 8/9, April £15 10/-; settlement £15 10/- per ton. SPELTER met with fair support, but tone easier. 1,100 tons sold; January £14 17/6 to £14 13/9, March £14 18/9 to £14 16/3, April £15 to £14 17/6; settlement £14 17/6 per ton. SILVER idle; cash also three months, quoted 19¾d. to 20d.; settlement 19¾d. per fine ounce. QUICKSILVER—Spot London £13 to £13 0/6 per bottle.

SECOND SESSION—Tin quiet; 50 tons sold. Cash at £183 10/- to £184, closing buyers £183 10/-; three months sold £184 to £183 10/-, closing buyers £183 5/-. Copper firmer; 100 tons sold. Cash at £39 12/6, closing buyers £39 11/3; three months sold £39 15/- to £39 17/6, closing buyers £39 16/3. Lead steadier; 200 tons sold. Good soft foreign pig December £15 12/6, January £15 18/9, April £15 11/3; spot quoted £15 11/3. Spelter steadier; 900 tons sold. January £14 16/- to £14 17/6, March £15 to £15 1/3, April £15 2/6; spot quoted £15 1/3.

WOOL

BRADFORD.—Business is quiet in all sections of market. Users are already well covered, and are avoiding further commitments until wool sales are resumed in primary markets. Quotations for tops keen very firm with sixty-fours warp at 31½d. and forties prepared at 19d. Yarn prices unchanged and firm all round.

Florence Cooper, Limestone road, Belfast, fell downstairs yesterday morning, and received a fractured skull. She is detained at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Of Interest to Women

THAT NEW YEAR FEELING

GOOD RESOLUTIONS IN THE HOME

TO-MORROW will be New Year's Day. Does the thought make you sigh and murmur "How time flies!" and spend a secret half-hour with your mirror counting white hairs; or does it brace you up with the same glow of virtuous resolution with which as a schoolgirl you sat down to the first exercise in a new exercise book? Even if the first line of this article has already drawn a sigh from you, you can still stimulate the virtuous feeling, and it is really much more enjoyable. Yes; I know the new exercise books always ended up as full of blots and crossings out and large red corrections as the ones that went before. But really that need not have happened—not if you had exercised your will in holding on to resolutions.

To give yourself the momentum for a good year make a good start this morning. You probably learnt a lot about the deficiencies of your household arrangements when cooking and serving the Christmas dinner. Did you throw aside the kitchen grater when making the stuffing, or turn the kitchen cupboards inside out in the hope of finding a forgotten small saucepan or two for the array of accompaniments to the turkey and plum-pudding? Didn't you find your oven cloth an inadequate protection for your hands, burnt into holes here and there? Was the tail-end of the drying up done with wet tea towels because your supply of clean, dry ones gave out? And aren't your pantry shelves at this moment filled with an unsightly array of brown paper bags and unidentifiable packages—all of which have to be opened before you find the cooking sugar or the lard—just because you have not enough glass jars and containers to hold all your stores conveniently?

METHODICAL COOKING

I don't believe an honest housewife in the land can answer "No" to all those questions! Well, then, make a list of the small things you want to make cooking an easy, methodical job—probably an outlay of 10s. will cover all those particular needs. Then to-day or to-morrow (preferably to-day) go and get, or order, all those gadgets. And don't forget to replace the saucepan lids that have long lost their handles! or the hooks to hang things on, that weren't there when you needed them in a flurried moment.

Then there is your own desk. Are all those Christmas bills tidily sorted on files or under paper weights, or are they crammed so tightly into your top drawer that it won't open without spilling half of them down the back of the desk? And your stationery, if it hasn't actually given out, certainly needs inspection: you are likely down to your last half-dozen envelopes; your stamp book is, doubtless, empty. And remember how you could find no sealing wax when you wanted to fix up a registered parcel; the pigeon-hole for gummed labels yawns mockingly at you. The precious ball of twine has turned overnight into a hopeless tangle that even a fisherman could hardly unravel. Tidy your drawers and make another list for immediate use.

FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS

And then—but this is so important for starting the new year with a clear conscience that may be it should have come first—make two complete lists in the back of your 1938 diary. List A should contain the names of all the people to whom you sent Christmas cards and tokens; if you have a very bad memory add the names of all to whom you gave presents, too. List B should consist of the names of all people to whom you owe letters of thanks (or any other letters!) and also the names of those who sent you greetings but have so far received none from you. A couple of hours' resolute pen-work will clear your conscience of these debts. (Mem. Get New Year cards or calendars to-day and post at once to those who have been neglected.) This done, you will feel as if you had suddenly grown wings—so light will your heart be, released from the dragging weight of subconscious guilt!

There is much more you can do to tone up your ethical system for a cheerful plunge into 1938. Did your husband smother some improper exclamations when he inserted the carving knife in the turkey? Did you yourself notice that the stainless dinner knives had lost their pristine edge? Did whoever carried the plates and dishes to table (whether daughter or parlourmaid) remark that the trays were not big enough or that their handles were working loose? Did you find your supply of ash trays wofully inadequate to the needs of the festive gathering?

FINAL SUGGESTIONS

You might carry your investigations further. Is the house strewn with Christmas numbers of magazines (not to mention numbers dating back to last Christmas)? Are your wardrobe and chest of drawers full of clothes you will never in any circumstances wear again? Are the nursery cupboards full of broken or discarded toys? These things may be the crumbs from your table—but they can bring almost immeasurable pleasure to many who have no table at all. Hospitals and clubs will be glad of papers and books. Your charwoman will rejoice in an old warm coat or a pair of easy-fitting slippers, and her children will revel in the old toys: if she has no children, try how toys will be welcomed at St. Ultan's or any other children's hospital or hospital ward. Your own children, if you take them the right way, will spend fascinated hours repairing and repainting their toys for others less fortunate than themselves or in collecting pictures and cracker-decorations for other youngsters to paste into scrap-books.

The season of good-will need not end with Christmas!

AILEEN.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

SNOWBALLS

2 ozs. cake-crumbs or crumbled sponge-cakes, 4 ozs. ground almonds, egg to mix, 6 ozs. castor sugar, Royal icing, desiccated cocoanut.

Mix together the almonds, cake-crumbs and sugar, and add sufficient beaten egg to form a stiff paste. Roll into balls. Secure each ball on a fork and pour over it quickly sufficient Royal icing to form a thin coat. Toss in desiccated cocoanut. Place on rice paper on flat baking tins, and leave overnight. Bake in a slow oven until set (about 15 minutes). Decorate each with a small sprig of holly.

Royal Icing—Add sufficient sieved icing sugar to an egg-white to make it the consistency of a batter. Beat well.

Next Week—SPAGHETTI PIE.

MEDICAL RESEARCH

A recent discovery of immense help to sufferers from indigestion and gastric troubles is the efficacy of 'Milk of Magnesia' when taken in the concentrated tablet form. So rapid is their action that the most acute attack is arrested in a few minutes.

THE LADY OF FASHION

IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

A QUESTION of much interest to all women is being discussed by fashion designers and interior decorators alike. What influence on fashion and decoration will the forthcoming Royal Academy Exhibition of seventeenth century European art at London provide? Most designers prophesy a revival of the "Baroque," both in furniture and dress, with a return to the decorative grace and elegance of the seventeenth century; a century in which gay sparkling whimsicality animates design, and fantasies of arabesque and colour break the link with classical tradition. The Paris Exhibition provided a foretaste of what designers might adapt from the seventeenth century when artists revelled in experiment and improvisation.

Costumes of amazing variety are worn by the beautiful women painted by Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Mytens, Velasquez, Lely, and many other great artists of the period. It was a time of fabulous extravagances of dress, for men as well as for women. The Duke of Buckingham, whose portrait is shown painted in exquisite costumes by Mytens and Rubens, rivalled Queen Elizabeth in richness of attire. On visiting Paris in 1625 he had 27 suits; the richest that embroidery, lace, silk, velvet, gold and gems could contribute. One suit and cloak of uncut white velvet set all over with diamonds was valued at £14,000: his hat-band, feather, sword, girdle and spurs were enriched with diamonds.

The superb jewel-sand decorative embroidery of the suite worn by the brothers Richard and Edward Sackville, Earls of Dorset, in their portraits by Mytens, are an instance of the splendour of men's attire. These pictures are lent by the Dowager Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire. At the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to the Elector Palatine, Lord Dorset's dress was the most costly of all; the black velvet doublet is heavily embroidered with Tudor roses in red, his cape is the same, with fringed rosettes. The collar, cuffs and shirt are of exquisite lace. He has elaborately embroidered and spangled gauze rosettes on embroidered shoes, and garters to match tied in huge bows. His hat, set on a table, is extremely high, covered with feathers and surmounted by an immense osprey; he wears a tasselled earring on one ear; single jewels were the vogue. His brother's costume has a bolder design; he carries magnificent gauntlet gloves embroidered to match his white doublet, and his white stockings are boldly embroidered in black. Muffs and earrings were worn by men as well as women. The costumes of both men and women changed in style several times during the century.

SILKS AND COLOURS

The rich satins and damasks worn by the ladies painted by Van Dyck and Lely serve to remind us that this age saw the rise of the silk industry in England. James I. tried experiments in the rearing of silk worms; but the climate proved unsuitable. However, between 1670 and 1690 the tremendous influx into England of Huguenot refugees (numbering more than 80,000) led to a rapid development of the silk industry. In the early seventeenth century it was a small affair, but after so many skilful weavers from France settled in England the variety of silks produced was prodigious. Tuftaffetie, plush, velvet, damask, ribbon, lace, silk-mohair, carratine silk, and, later, alamode, ducape, and watered tabby were but a few of the varieties produced. It was forbidden to mix cotton with silk.

The brilliance of the colours of these silks and satins are shown in such pictures as Van Dyck's "Portrait of A Lady," from Viscount Cobham's collection, where the brilliant blue satin dress is caught at the slit sleeves with pearls and sapphires. Yellow of many shades was a most popular colour: Van Dyck's "Countess of Monmouth," lent by the Earl of Radnor, wears tawny yellow with a pale grey-blue belt, and a bow of the same blue catches the ropes of pearls at her corsage. Cornelius Johnson's "Portrait of A Lady," lent by Sir George Leon, repeats the scheme of lustrous leaf yellow satin with a blue satin scarf. Orange and scarlet were colours beloved by Rubens. Zurbaran's "Portrait of A Lady as St. Elizabeth of Hungary" shows, perhaps, the loveliest clear sky-blue gown of the many blue gowns shown in the exhibition. Favourite colour combinations included pearl combined with peach, flame with orange-tawny, white embroidered with silver, sky blue with silver. Sadd colours included de Roy, French greene, ginger lyne and deere colour.

Flemish emigrants introduced calico printing to England in 1676. Most calicos, chintzes and muslins were imported from India, and informal *négligées* and "India Gowns" became very popular, being worn by both men and women. Calico and cotton goods became so popular that they were prejudicial to the ancient woollen industry. Workers in the woollen trade went so far as to attack calico weavers by throwing aqua-fortis at them. The wonderful variety shown in many pictures of ruffs, cuffs and collars of the finest lawn, lace-edged or of plain muslin are an indication of the popularity of sheer cottons; the size and character of the ruffs and collars give a chronological clue to the date. In a Lely portrait, an exquisite gold striped scarf of gauze is draped round the shoulders of Mrs. Hughes, the friend of Prince Rupert, the most romantic cavalier in King Charles's army. As in many of the Lely portraits the gown is striking because of its simplicity; its tawny yellow satin shows under the slit sleeves a *négligée* undergarment of white lawn. This picture is from the Earl of Jersey's collection. A studied *négligée* style ousted the formality of women's dress early in the century. The ruff has disappeared. A pearl-grey satin dress, draped with a blue wrap, subtly enchances the dark beauty of Charles II.'s mistress, Barbara Countess of Castlemaine. Lent by the Earl of Sandwich, it was presented to the first Lord Sandwich in 1664, and Pepys mentions it in his diary as follows: "Here (i.e., Lord Sandwich's lodgings) my lady showed us Lady Castlemaine's picture, finely done, given by my lord, and a most beautiful picture it is."

JEWELS

The jewels worn by most of the beauties of the seventeenth century show a preference for large square-cut stones heavily set, combined with pearls. Pearls appear in all the pictures of fashionable beauties, either as necklaces, twined in, or studding the hair. Pearl drops on corsage ornaments, twisted ropes of pearl on the wrists, pearl drop ear-rings, or pearl studded coiffures are but a few of the improvisations. Square-cut onyx ornaments were also very popular, possibly because they contrasted magnificently with pearls.

Van Dyck's portrait of the Marchioness of Hertford, daughter of the ill-fated Earl of Essex, shows square-cut onyx combined with pearls as shoulder clasps, and also as a Baroque decoration on the front of the sombre black satin bodice. From a single pearl drop ear-ring falls a love-lock of her father's hair; this is still preserved at Ham House.

Yet another example of the use of onyx with pearls is seen in the portrait of Lucy Countess of Huntingdon, by Gheeraerts, from Sir George Leon's collection. The gold embroidery striping the pearl-grey bodice, the gold embroidered edging to the narrow strips which form the sleeves, and the immense farthingale are a wonderful foil for her pearl and onyx jewels. The initial H in square-cut onyx holds a narrow black ribbon on one cuff, her throat is clasped by a three-row necklace of onyx edged with pearls; a similar device edges the bodice. The pearl necklace looped over the shoulders is caught with bows, and her head-dress is also of pearls; her clasped hands are gloved in black. Gloves were very fashionable, and were often perfumed.

In Van Somer's portrait of Mary, wife of Henry Earl of Pembroke, daughter of Henry Sydney, from Sir Felix Cassell's collection, the jewels are remarkable. Pearl teardrops are caught at regular intervals in her light auburn hair; she also wears a pearl ear-ring. A cone-shaped onyx brooch, like a flower-holder, adorns the corsage. Rings, one of which is a ruby, are on both thumbs, and she wears pearl bracelets caught with onyx clasps. In one hand she holds an elaborate gold watch. A square-cut onyx ornament on the cuff holds a narrow velvet ribbon. A white lace collar and cuffs of extreme elaboration, long pearl necklace, a bodice of white embroidered grey velvet, a black corded watered tabby overskirt over a heavily gold-embroidered underskirt of grey make this one of the most notable costumes shown of the earlier half of the century. She wears an immense farthingale. Looped from both shoulders and draped across the front depends a very elaborate scarf of transparent grey fabric with a small black spangle design. This is an interesting arrangement of the popular scarf which was essential to smart dress from the reign of Elizabeth to the eighteenth century.

ACCESSORIES

An account of the articles comprising a fashionable lady's dress in 1607, and the length of time required for its arrangement tells us that "a ship is sooner rigged by far than a gentlewoman made ready. Five hours ago I set a dozen maids to attire a nice gentlewoman; but there is such a doing with their looking-glasses, pinning, unpinning, setting, unsetting, formings and unformings, painting blew vains and cheeks; such stir with sticks and combs, cascanets, dressings, purles, falles, squares, buskes, bodies, scarfs, necklaces, carcanets, rebatoes, borders, tires, fans, palisadoes, puffs, ruffs, cuffs, muffs, pusles, fusles, partlets, frislets, bandlets, and so many lets that yet she is scarce dressed to the girdle. And now there's such calling for farthingales, kirtlets, busk-points, shoeties, etc., that seven pedlar's shops, nay all Sturbridge fair, will scarce furnish her."

Waved love-locks were worn by men and women on the left side. In the reign of Charles I. the hair was drawn tightly back from the forehead and gathered in rolls behind, while at the sides it is allowed to flow freely. The fringe of small curls upon the forehead, which appears so often in Lely's portraits, was a later development. In the time of Charles II. false locks worn on wires, so as to stand out from the head, became the vogue.

Fascinating glimpses of the elaboration of children's garments are afforded by several pictures. "A Royal Baby," by Coello, lent by Sir John Stirling Maxwell, shows an infant wrapped in a sky-blue satin cloak, heavily embroidered in silver; its scarlet lining is indicated, and the cloak is caught by a scarlet bow pinned with a crown. Frills of lace trim bonnet and dress; the tiny creature reclines on a magnificently embroidered velvet cushion. Sir Herbert Cook's "The Young Cavalier," by Rixi, shows a boy of about eight years old wearing a doublet of tawny yellow, over breeches and sash of brown velvet edged with gold. His collar and cuffs of finest lace-edged lawn match the turn-over of his knee-length boots.

The portrait of Cosimo III. by Sustermans shows a child of about two years wearing an exquisite dress of lawn and finest Venetian lace; the overdress is embroidered in red, and the sleeves are looped with cherry red bows that match the coral necklace.

"The Saltonstall Family," by des Granges, from Mr. Kenneth Clark's collection, affords an interesting glimpse of the domestic life of the first half of the century. In a huge red curtained bed a lady lies clad in a lawn nightgown, with lace collar and cuffs. By her bed another seated lady, richly dressed, holds a new born baby clad in a spangle embroidered red robe. The husband, holding a glove to indicate that the visit is of short duration, holds by the hand two other small children, also dressed in red. Bedroom parties, by the way, were very fashionable in the reign of Charles I.

THE WAY OF LIFE

Invention in the grand style had its origin early in the 17th century in Italy; later the leadership in taste was transferred to France. Furniture, dress, plate and jewellery, and all the trappings of a cultivated way of life, reached an extraordinary degree of beauty. Architecture left behind the formalism of the preceding period; garden design was elaborate and glorious; music and the theatre entered the golden age.

The sculpture, furniture, musical instruments, tapestries, glass and silver which supplement the painting in the exhibition enable us to compare their design with that of similar articles in the pictures themselves. The general level of craftsmanship and painting throughout Europe was very high, and the virtuosity of decorative artists quite extraordinary. It is the experimental, dramatic and fantastic quality of the 17th century decoration which makes it so fascinating for us to-day, as well as the prodigious variety of the artists' achievements.

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Financial News & Notes

DUBLIN FIRMER

LAND BONDS HIGHER

PYE (I.) ORD. HARDER

The nearness of the end of the 21 days' account helped to keep business in check on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, but markets presented a firmer appearance.

Among the Free State Funds, Conversion Loan and Land Bonds tended higher on a little support. War Loan held steady at 101¼. Corporation issues enjoyed support, and Dublin 3½ per cent. 1944 advanced 1½ points.

Banks were well maintained, and Provincial Old added pence. Guinness Ord. held quietly steady at 121s. 6d.

Rails continued dull, and Great Northern Pref. fell 2½ points, while Great Southern Deb. dipped to 82. Clontarf and Hill of Howth relapsed 2s. 6d.

Independent Pref. and Pye (I.) Ord. marked fair gains.

British Industrials remained quiet, but were firmer for choice. Tobaccos and Textiles advised higher, although Courtaulds closed below the best at 46s. 6d.

"Emmies" improved to 16s., and International Nickels advanced to 43½d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The prices given in the following tables were marked before 2.45 p.m. yesterday:—

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

5% Second National Loan	(113) 113
3½% Fourth Loan	(101⅛) 101⅛
4% Conversion Loan	(102) *103⅛
4½% Land Bonds	(107⅝) 107¼
Do. New	(104¼) *104¼

BRITISH FUNDS.

2½% Consols	(74⅛) 74b 74⅝a
3½% War Loan	(101½) 101½ ½
4% Funding Loan	(112) 112½b 113a
3½% Conversion Loan	(102⅛) 101⅞b 102⅜a
3% Local Loans	(87½) 86¾b 87¼a
India 3½% Stock	(93½) 93b 93⅝a

CORPORATION STOCKS.

Dublin 3¼% 1944	(96¾) *96
Do. 5% 1946/76	(106⅛) 106⅛
Do. 5% 1950/70	(109⅝) 109⅝
Dublin Port and Docks 5%	(110⅝) 110⅝

BANKS.

Bank of Ireland	(333) 333
National	(53/6) 53/6
Provincial Old	(58/-) 58/6

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

Distillers Ord.	(105/9) 104/9b 106/8a
Guinness Ord.	(121/6) 121/6

RAILS, TRAMS, ETC.

Great Northern Pref.	(15) *12½
Great Southern Pref.	(33½) *33½
Do. Deb.	(82¼) 82
Clontarf and Hill of Howth	(92/6) *90/-

DRAPERIES.

Crowe Wilson Ord.	(10/-) 10/6a

IRISH INDUSTRIALS.

Carroll Pref.	(23/6) 23/6b 24/-a
Independent Pref.	(28/9) 29/-
Irish Cinema Pref.	(15/-) 12/6b 15/-a
Pye (Ireland) Ord.	(8/6) 8/9

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS.

B.A.T. Ord.	(109/6) 108/9b 109/9a
Baldwins Ord.	9/1½
British South Africa Co.	(29/-) 29/9
Coats (J. and P.) Ord.	(41/6) 40/-b 41/-a
Courtaulds Ord.	(47/-) 47/3 46/6
Dunlop Rubbers	(33/1½) 32/-b 33/-a
Electrical and Musical	(15/7½) 16/-
Ford Motors Ord.	(21/3) 21/6b 22/-a
Imperial Chemical Ord.	(35/4½) 34/9b 35/6a
Imperial Tobacco Ord.	(147/-) 147/3b 148/9a
International Nickel	43⅞ 35¾
Shell Transport Ord.	(95/10½) 96/-b 97/3a
Sons of Gwalia	38/6
South Durham "B"	19/3
Vickers Ord.	(26/4½) 25/9b 26/4½a
Woolworth Ord.	*69/4½

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid. c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 3	Jan. 17
Ticket	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
Intermediate	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
Account Day	Jan. 6	Jan. 20

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' rate (June 20, 1932)	3 %
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	2½ %
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1½ %

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

BELFAST

War Loan, 101⅞ and 101¼. Midland Bank Parts, 10½. Westminster Bank Parts, 91s. 4½d. Belfast Water Commissioners 3½ per cent. 1953-63 stock, 100⅝. Courtaulds, 47s. (small). White, Tomkins and Courage, Ord., 41s. 6d. Edmundsons Electric, 37s. 6d. United Steels, 27s. Morris Motors, 32s. 10½d. Dorman Long, 34s. 6d. Babcocks and Wilcox, 42s. 1½d. Bovril Deferred, 22s. 6d.

CORK

National Banks repeated 53s. 6d.; Provincials (Old) advanced to 58s. 6d. Second National Loan unchanged, 113, Fourth Loan, 101½, Conversion Loan hardened to 105⅛, and Land Bonds to 107⅜. War Loan steady, 101½. Bank stock sellers, 334, Munsters buyers, 120s., sellers 121s. Guinness Ord. remained 121s. 6d. T. Lyons and Co. (fully-paid) sellers, 77s. 6d.; £4 paid buyers, 57s. 6d., sellers 60s., Pref. buyers, 80s.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES

BIRMINGHAM

Prices firmer, but business small. Standards rallied to 15/4½, but Napiers were easier at 9/3.

Alvis	4/-	Lucas	56/6
Austins	30/9	Morris	32/7½
Do. "A"	27/-	Raleighs	60/9
Bluemels	33/6	Rileys	13/9
Dennis	20/6	Rolls	90/-
Enfields	24/-	Rovers	19/6
Fords	21/9	Singers	4/4½
Guys	2/4½	Triplex	50/9
Humbers	15/10½	Triumphs	3/6
Leylands	83/3	Dunlops	32/6

MANCHESTER

Rather better tone in Textiles, but actual business not important. Prices were firm.

Bleachers	5/-5/3	Cottons	37/6-38/6
Dyers	5/3-5/6	Velvets	5/6-4/-
"Slubbers"	5/6-5/9	Spinners	6/-6/3
Calicos	6/9-7/3	Henrys	13/3-13/6
Coats	40/-41/-	Turner and Newall	83/-84/-
Courtaulds	46/6-47/-	Wall Paper Def.	37/-38/-
Dunlops	32/3-32/9		

LONDON "STREET" MARKET

Business in Shorters Court yesterday was practically at a standstill, and only a few dealers gathered. Prices were steady at first, but towards the close the tone became easier, and small declines were marked in the leading issues. U.S. Steels, after touching 55½, reacted to 54, a fall of ¼ as compared with the "House" close. Nickels were ¼ lower at 44½, while Brazilian Tractions and Anacondas each showed small declines to 12½ and 6⅛, respectively. Radios, however, were firm at 6½. Chrysalers eased to 48¾, with Shell Unions dull at 16½. Elsewhere other sections of the market remained inactive.

BRITISH RAIL TRAFFICS

Southern—Last week, £509,000—inc. £51,000; 51 weeks to date, £21,296,000—inc. £758,000.
London and North-Eastern—Last week, £976,000—inc. £116,000; 51 weeks to date, £47,720,000—inc. £2,382,000.
London, Midland and Scottish—Last week, £1,413,000—inc. £204,000; 51 weeks to date, £65,206,000—inc. £2,807,000.
Great Western—Last week, £503,000—inc. £87,000; 51 weeks to date, £27,233,000—inc. £1,358,000.

After an absence of twenty-three years in Siberia, a German prisoner of war who was captured by the Russians, returned yesterday to his native village of Warnsdorf, Saxony. He had been reported dead.—Reuter.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE DISTILLERS COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary and Preference Stock Registers of this Company will be CLOSED from this date until the 13th January, 1938, inclusive, during which period no Transfer will be registered.

W. DARGIE, Secretary.
12 Torphichen street, Edinburgh.
31st December, 1937.

LONDON FIRM

GENERAL RECOVERY IN PRICES

The approach of the end of the account and uncertainty over Far Eastern events were factors which tended to restrain activity on the London Stock Markets yesterday, but, nevertheless, conditions were distinctly livelier than on the two preceding days, and because of the improvement in the French labour situation and the rally on Wall street a much more confident feeling existed throughout the House. Apart from a further bout of weakness in Mexican and Canadian Eagle Oil shares, due to the demand of the Mexican Government regulations, prices all round displayed a much firmer tendency, and the recovery was accentuated by some inquiry on Paris account. Another influence which helped to revive confidence was the good showing made by the Christmas rail traffics, to which British Rail Stocks responded smartly. Numerous Industrials finished the day with substantial improvements, and the Mining departments also gave an encouraging display, with West Wits. especially prominent.

BRITISH FUNDS.

There was no marked expansion in the turnover in gilt-edged stocks, but modest demand, coupled with the belief that the big interest and dividend disbursements will find their way back to the market was sufficient to cause an upturn in quotations for British Funds. Old Consols and Conversion issues gained ¼, and War Loan and Local Loans marked smaller rises.

FOREIGN BONDS.

Foreign Bonds formed one of the few groups which pursued a depressing course, and further weakness developed in Far Eastern and Brazilian issues. The former were particularly flat, and Japanese Loans were mostly a point down at the finish. Excepting a little activity in Germans, which moved undecidedly, Europeans remained idle around their previous closing rates.

RAILS.

The publication of a batch of traffic receipts, which fulfilled the highest expectations, invigorated British Rails, and to the accompaniment of fairly brisk bidding the market assumed the common tone. Great Western Ordinary advanced sharply to 64, while L.M.S. Ordinary added ¼ to 30. Southern Deferred moved up from 19½ to 19¾. Foreign Rails experienced no increase of business, and Argentines continued to move unfavourably in face of small sales.

INDUSTRIALS.

The improved feeling prevalent in the market for Trans-Atlantics, where Nickels and United States Steels scored, appreciable recoveries quickly spread to other Industrial sections, and the whole market exhibited an upward tendency throughout the day. This was especially noticeable in the Motor and Commercial Vehicle sections, which suffered more severely than other groups in the previous session, while Tobacco shares also made good headway. Electrical Equipments were another much brighter section, and higher levels ruled for the leading issues in the Brewery, Iron and Steel, Rayon and Cement groups.

MINES.

Business in Mines proceeded on rather small lines, but the market reflected surrounding cheerfulness, and limited continental and local demand easily influenced quotations for Kaffirs, which were generally higher at the close. West Wits, Western Reefs and Ventersposts attracted special attention and recorded notable gains. West Africans also showed up well, and among base metals Rhodesian Coppers took a turn for the better in response to an inquiry following an improvement in the metal price.

THE MONEY MARKET

GOLD PRICE FALLING

Gold was fixed ½d. lower at 139s. 6d. per fine ounce in the bullion market yesterday. The premium over the dollar, which at fixing was 4.9985, was also lower, being 4¼d. against 5d. yesterday. Only a small amount of gold changed hands, £391,000 being the amount disposed of.

Money in Lombard street was in quiet demand at ½ per cent. Short bills were discounted generally at ⅝ per cent. and three months' paper at ¾ per cent to ⅞ per cent. There was again no borrowing at the Bank of England.

More bear covering yesterday put cash silver up ½d. to 18⅞d. per ounce and forward ⅛d. to 18⅞d.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932), 2%

60 days (fine)	⅝	11/16 %			
3 months	⅝	11/16 %	Trade	2	2½ %
4 "	⅝	11/16 %	"	2¼	2½ %
6 "	⅝	%	"	2½	3 %

Loans to Brokers Day-to-day ½ ⅝ %
" " for a week ½ %
Deposit Allowance Banks at Call ½ %
" " Discount Houses at Call ½ %
" " at Notice ¾ %

The settlement of the Paris strike brought a respite to the franc yesterday. The French authorities were able to hold the spot rate at the overnight closing level without making any important inroads into foreign exchange resources, while forward rates actually staged a fairly sharp movement in favour of Paris. Apart from the improvement in the franc, the day's most interesting feature was the quiet demand for American exchange. A number of European currencies shared the firmer tendency of the dollar, one important exception being the Belga, which suffered a modest setback against both dollar and sterling.

Centre	Dec. 30 Closing Rates		Dec. 29 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/31
New York	4.99 11/16	4.99 13/16	4.99 7/8	4.99 15/16	4.86 3/4
Montreal	5.00 1/8	5.00 3/8	5.00 1/2	5.00 5/8	4.86 3/4
Amsterdam	8.97	8.98 1/4	8.99 3/4	8.98 3/4	12.10
Berlin	12.40 1/2	12.41 1/2	12.40 1/4	12.41 1/4	20.43
Brussels	29.46 1/2	29.47 1/2	29.46 1/4	29.47 1/4	35.00
Copenhagen	22.38	22.42	22.38	22.42	25.22
Geneva	21.61	21.62	21.61 1/2	21.62	18.15
Madrid	60.100 nom.		60.100 nom.		25.22
Milan	94 15/16	95 1/16	94 15/16	95 1/16	92.46
Oslo	19.86	19.92	19.86	19.92	18.15
Paris	147 1/4	147 3/4	147 3/8	147 5/8	174.21
Stockholm	19.38	19.42	19.38	19.42	18.15
Alexandria	97 5/8	97 7/8	97 3/4	97 7/8	97.5
Athens	540	555	540	555	375
Helsingfors	225 1/4	226 1/2	225 1/4	226 1/2	193.2
Lisbon	110	110 1/4	110	110 1/4	110
Prague	142 1/4	142 1/2	142 1/4	142 1/2	164.25
Vienna	25 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/4	27 1/2	34.58
Warsaw	26 1/4	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 3/4	43.36
B. Ayres	17.00	17.03	16.98	17.03	47.57
Lima 90 days	20.00	21.00 nom.	20.00	21.00 nom.	17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	24 3/4	25 3/4	24 3/4	25 3/4	51 15/16
Rio de Jan.	2 11/32	2 5/16	2 11/32	2 5/16	5.32
Valparaiso	125 nom.		125 nom.		409
Calcutta	18 5/32	18 5/32	18 5/32	18 5/32	18
Hongkong	1 4/7	1 5/16	1 4/7	1 5/16	—
Kobe (p.yn.)	1 31/32	1 4/32	1 31/32	1 4/32	24
Shanghai*	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	—
Singapore*	2 29/32	2 30/32	2 29/32	2 30/32	23

* Rate quoted in London.

INSURANCE SHARES

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Alliance, 27; Atlas, 3½; Commercial Union, 9½; 10⅝; Eagle Star Ord., 78/1½ (x.d.); Employers', 66/-, 9/-; London and Lancashire Fire, 30⅝; N.B. and Mercantile, 11½, 11⅝; Phœnix (£1 l.p.), 16; Prudential, 34, ⅛, ¼; do. "B" (£1 (4/- paid), 5⅛; Royal Exchange, 9⅝, 11/16, 11/8; Royal Insurance, 81⅝; Sun Insurance, 82/9.
BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Royal, 8⅞; Sea, 96/6.

NORTHERN POTATO PRICES

The prices per ton paid by shipping merchants during the week ended 25th December, 1937, were as follows:—Ware.—Up-to-Date (Red Soil), bagged £2 0s. 0d. to £2 10s. 0d., loose £2 0s. 0d.; Arran Banner, bagged £2 0s. 0d., loose £1 15s. 0d.; Arran Consul, bagged £2 5s. 0d., loose £2 0s. 0d.; Arran Victory, bagged £2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d., loose £1 15s. 0d. to £2 0s. 0d.; Kerr's Pink, bagged £2 0s. 0d. to £2 10s. 0d., loose £1 15s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d. Seed.—Prices for seed potatoes of the following varieties were — Up-to-Date, bagged £4 10s. 0d., loose £4 0s. 0d.; Majestic, bagged £4 10s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d.; Arran Banner, bagged £4 0s. 0d.

Mr. Francis Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister's son, has followed in the footsteps of his cousin, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, by joining the Territorial Army. Inquiries in Birmingham revealed that he had joined the 69th Royal Warwicks Anti-Aircraft Brigade as a gunner. He enlisted at the battery's headquarters at Edgbaston, within a mile of his father's home.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Thursday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London firm.
Dublin firmer.
Manchester better.
Birmingham Motors harder.
New York maintained.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2%
Last year	2%
Irish Bank Rate	3%
London Day-to-Day Loans	½%
London Three Months' Bills	½-11/16%
Price of Gold	139/6
Silver (spot)	18 7/16d.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET

TOBACCO SHARES WELL SUPPORTED

Following the overnight recovery on Wall street, the Industrial market presented a better appearance yesterday. Trading, however, remained on a small scale, owing to the fact that to-day preliminary arrangements for the carry-over will be in progress.

The trans-Atlantic counters enjoyed a sharp rally, but the best prices were not maintained. U.S. Steels improved to 55⅛ at one time, but fell back eventually to 54, which, however, still left them 2⅛ up on balance.

"Emmies" steadied to 16s., but other Radio issues remained on the dull side.

Cable and Wireless stocks were a trifle better, but there was little doing. The Ord. improved ¼ to 66.

Among Cinema shares, Gaumont-British Pref. receded to 13s. 9d.

RISE IN VICKERS.

A small business in Iron and Steel shares resulted in slight and irregular price movements. Vickers were a better market than recently, recovering 7½d. to 26s. 3d.

Electrical Equipments generally had a steady appearance. Callenders met with a fair demand, and further rose 6d. to 90s.

Motors made a rather firmer showing, but with business still at low ebb changes were usually unimportant.

Little of interest occurred among the Aircrafts, and prices on the whole exhibited an easier tendency.

Moderate support from the provinces was forthcoming for Breweries, but little fresh business transpired, and movements on balance did not amount to much.

LITTLE INTEREST IN TEXTILES.

The leading Tobaccos came in for renewed attention, the favourites being "Bats" and "Imps," which closed ⅛ to the good at 5⅞ and 7⅛ respectively. Carreras were a better market; the "A" shares hardened to 7½ and the "B" to 18s. 7½d.

Little interest was taken in Textiles and prices moved within narrow limits. Calico Printers Ord. steadied to 7s. 1½d., but J. and P. Coats sagged to 40s. 4½d.

The monthly output figures brought in a few supporters for Rayon shares. Courtaulds improved 9d. to 47s. and Celanese of America rallied to 2⅜.

In the Stores group Woolworths rallied a trifle to 70s. Provision and Catering issues had a quiet appearance.

DUNLOPS EASE OFF.

Shipping shares derived little benefit from the improvement in sentiment noted elsewhere. P. and O. Defd., however, recovered to 22s.

A moderately firm tone ruled in the Miscellaneous section, but business was small. Imperial Chemicals recovered to 35s. 1½d. and British Plaster Boards put on a few pence to 27s. 10½d.

The new Lever issues were also supported and United Molasses hardened to 24s. 7½d., but Dunlop Rubbers eased further to 32s. 4½d. Elsewhere Boots Drug met with a modest inquiry.

EAGLE OILS RECOVER AN EARLY LOSS

Chief interest in the Oil Share Market at the start yesterday centred on Mexican Eagles following the publication of the statement by the London financial agents of the company in regard to the award in the labour dispute on the Mexican Oilfields.

The price of Mexican Eagles was lowered at the opening, while, as a result of moderate realisations, a decline occurred at 10s. 6d.; but at this point the shares met with some support, and a recovery took place to the overnight's level of 11s. 4½d. Canadian Eagles, which weakened at, first, to 11s., left off with a trifling loss at 11s. 4½d. Leading issues had a distinctly firmer appearance, being favourably influenced by the rally in New York on Wednesday. A steady investment demuad existed locally for shares, such as Shells, Anglo-Iranian and Burmahs, the last-named being purchased on talk of the possibility of a bonus issue during 1938. Not only was there a steady inquiry locally, but buying orders came to hand from the Continent for Royal Dutch and Shells, the prices of which responded.

RUBBERS QUIET

Rubber shares yesterday recovered from the shock caused by the recent set-back in raw rubber prices, but the market was still devoid of buying interest, and only the absence of sellers enabled prices to maintain their previous closing levels. The vast majority of shares experienced an idle session, and the small volume of business effected had no noticeable influence on values. Steadier conditions existed in the commodity section, where spot rubber sold at 7d. per lb. amid quiet trading.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

British General Fixed Trust.—Half-yearly distribution, payable January 15, of 5.8d. net per sub-unit. At this time last year a distribution of 5d. per sub-unit was made.

Qualcast.—Interim dividend of 10 per cent. (against 7½ per cent.). Last year's total was 30 per cent. (against 20 per cent.), including a bonus of 10 per cent. An issue of 100,000 additional Ordinary shares was made to shareholders last February.

BUTTER STOCKS ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1937

The following table, which has been compiled by the Department of Agriculture from returns furnished under the Dairy Produce Act, 1931, shows the quantity of butter held on the 15th instant in all public cold stores in Eire, and at the premises of manufacturers of creamery and factory butter and principal merchants. The figures do not include the day-to-day stocks in the hands of shopkeepers:—

	Creamery Butter, Cwts.	Factory and Other Butter, Cwts.
Held in Public Cold Stores for:		
(a) Creamery proprietors	36,220	—
(b) Other persons	33,006	3,911
Held at Creameries	22,348	—
Held at Merchants' premises & butter factories	4,515	7,337
Totals on Dec. 15, 1937	96,089	11,248
Totals on Nov. 30, 1937	105,840	11,570

In the period from the 1st to the 15th December the production of creamery butter was approximately 12,157 cwts., and the quantity stated to have been exported was 3,012 cwts. Public cold stores received 1,436 cwts., and the withdrawals amounted to 8,495 cwts., leaving a net movement of 7,059 cwts. of creamery butter out of public cold stores.

The Rev. Peter O'Connor, of Bessbrook, County Armagh, who died on June 28th last, left personal estate in Great Britain and Northern Ireland valued at £10,681.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum. div. ‖ Ex bonus.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.		Rise or fall
Consols 2½ %	74⅛	74⅜	+ ⅛
Do. 4 %	109	109¼	
4½ % War Loan	101⅛	101⅜	+ ⅛
Funding Loan	113⅝	113⅞	
Victory Bonds	111⅛	111⅜	+ ⅛
3½ % Conversion Loan	101⅛	101⅜	
3½ % Conversion Loan	102	102¼	+ ⅛
4 % Conversion Loan	106	106⅛	+ ⅛
3 % Conversion Loan	114⅞	114⅞	+ ⅛
2½ % Land Stock, 1903	77	79	
Irish Free State 4½ % Lit. Bd.	107	108*	
India 3 %	79¼	80¼	+ ¼
Do. 3½ %	92¾	93¾	
Local Loans	93¼	87	+ ⅛
Sudan 5½ %	110	113*	

PUBLIC BOARDS.

Cons. M. Bd. 4 % 1959-69	103	106	
Do. 5 % 1950-70	112	114	
Do. 4½ % 1961-73	108	110*	
Do. 5 % 1956-75	115	117	
Do. 4½ % 1957-87	110	112	
Metro. Water 3 p.c. (a)	57	60	

BANKS.

Bank of Australasia	8⅞	8⅝	
Bank of England	340	344	
Bank of Montreal	40	41	− ½
Bank of New South Wales	23½	24½	− ½
Bank of New Zealand	33/6	35/6	
Barclay's "A" Shares	10½	10 11/16	
British Overseas	2⅝	2⅞	
Canadian of Commerce	33	34	
Chartered of India	12	12⅜	+ ⅛
Hong Kong and Shanghai	36	39	− 1
Lloyds	50/9	51/6	+0/3
London and S. American	8⅜	8⅝	
Martins £20 (£2/10 paid)	9 9/16	10 5/8	+ 1/16
Midland	10	10 3/16	
National Discount "B"	13 9/16	13 15/16	+ 1/16
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	14⅜	14 15/16	
Royal Bank of Canada	25½	27½	
Standard of South Africa	14½	14⅞	
Union of Australia	7	7¼	
Westminster Bank	65/6	67/0	

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c., 1945-75	106⅞	107⅝	
Do. do. 4 p.c. 1955-70	104	106	
Do. do. 3½ p.c. 1948-58	100	102*	
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	103	105*	
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	107	107½	
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	97	101	
New Zealand 3 p.c. 1952-55	89¾	90¼	
Do. 5½ p.c. 1955-60	97	99	
Nigeria 6 p.c.	122	123	
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	105	106½	
South African 3 p.c., 1954-64	94¾	95¼	
Do. 5½ p.c., 1955-65	101½	103⅝	
Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	106	107	
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	100	102	
Victoria 4 p.c., 1940-60	100	102	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	106¾	107¼	
W. Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	108½	109	
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	99	101	

FOREIGN STOCKS.

M.U.—Dec. 13

Argentine 4 p.c. Resen.	101¾	102¼	
Austrian 3 p.c. Guar. Sterling Bonds	100	102*	
Belgian 4 p.c.	100½	101½	
Do. 4 p.c. Bonds	96¾	98¼	
Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	19	20	− ½
Do. 5 p.c. Funding, '98	55	57	
Do 5 p.c. do., 1914	37	39	− 1
Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	58	60	
Do. 5 p.c., 1912	58	60	
Do. 5 p.c. Reorg., 1913	62	64	− 2
Chinese, Imp. Ry. 5% Gld.	65	75	
Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	37	42	− 1
Do. Tientsin-Pukow 5%	25	35	
Czecho Slovakia Bonds	104½	105½	
Egyptian Unified	102	103	
French Loan 4 p.c.	12⅝	13¼	
German 7 p.c.	54½	55⅞	− ¼
Do. 5½ p.c.	38⅝	39⅞	+ ¼
Do. Potash 7 p.c.	82½	83½	
Greek 7 p.c., 1924	41¼	42¼	
Do. 6 p.c. Stabs.	32	35	
Do. 5 p.c., 1914	29	32	
Italian Rentes	11	12	
Japan 6 p.c., 1924	60½	61½	
Do. 5½ p.c. Conversion	58½	59½	− 1
Mexican 5 p.c. '99	3¾	4¼	
Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	4	4½	
Peru 7½ p.c. Guano	40	50	
Peruvian Corporation	1	1½	
Do. Pref.	4¾	5¼	
Do. Debs.	53	54	
Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	70	73	
Portuguese 3 p.c.	80½	81½	− ½
Turkish 7½ p.c., 1933	1½	2	

BRITISH RAILS.

Great Western	63½	64½	+ ¾
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	117	119	
Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	29¾	30¼	+ ½
Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	83	85	
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	103	105*	
Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	69	71	
Ldn., North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	8	8¼	
Do. Def. Ord.	4¼	4⅜	+ 1/16
Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	66½	68	
Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	25½	27½	+ ½
Loud. Trans. 5 p.c. "A"	126	129*	
Do. 4½ p.c. "A"	116	118*	
Do. "B"	119	122*	
Do. "C"	79¼	80¼	
Southern Pref. Ord.	66¼	67	+ ¼
Do. Def. Ord.	19¼	19¾	+ ¼
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	113½	115½	− ½

OILS.

M.U.—Dec. 15

Anglo-Ecuadorian	23/9	24/9*	
Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1⅜	
Anglo-Iranian Ord.	3 15/16	3⅞	+ 1/16
Do. 5 p.c. 1st Pref.	26/3	27/0	+ 0/1½
Do. 5 p.c. 2nd Pref.	23/9	24/0	
Apex Trinidad (5/- sh.)	33/6	34/0	
Attock	1⅝	1 11/16	
British Borneo Pet. (6/-)	13/0	13/9*	
British Burmah (£/-)	6/0	7/0	− 0/3
British Controlled	2/9	3/3	
Do. Pref.	5/7½	6/1½	+ 0/1½
Burmah	5 29/32	5 31/32	+ 1/16
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	39/0	40/0	
Canadian Eagle Ord.	11/1½	11/7½	− 0/1½
Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pf. (£5)	12/0	13/0	
Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	12/3	13/3	+ 0/3
Kern River (10/-)	5/7½	6/1½	+ 0/1½
Lobitos	1 15/16	2	+ 1/32
Mexican Eagle Ord.	11/1½	11/7½	
Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	10/9	11/9	
Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 pesos)	8/9	9/0*	
North Caucasian (10/-)	0/3	0/9	
Phœnix Oil	5/6	6/0	+ 0/3
Do. (1/- shares)	2/9	3/3	+ 0/6
Royal Dutch	15¾	16¼	+ ⅛
Shell Transport	4 15/16	4⅞	+ 1/16
Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	23/6	26/6	
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	33/10½	34/4½	+ 0/1½
Steaua Romano	6/0	7/0	
Tanyeri Pref.	6/6	7/0	
Trinidad Central	10/3	11/3	
Trinidad Leaseholds	4⅞	5	+ 1/32
V.O.C. Holdings	1 29/32	1 31/32	
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1/9	2	

RUBBERS.

Anglo Dutch	28/9		− 0/1½
Anglo Malay	11/10½		
Bukit Mertajam	2/7½		
Bukit Sembawang	1/6		
Grand Central	14/6		
Highlands	28/0		
Jugra Land	12/0		
Kuala Lumpar	32/6		
Linggi	17/10½-18/4½		
London Asiatic	3/10½		
Malacca	28/7½		
Malayalam	31/9		
Merlimau Pegoh	3/3		
Orient Trust	16/7½		
Rubber Trust	27/9		
Tandjong	20/7½		
Tandjong Malim	20/7½		
United Sua Betong	53/6		
Vallambrosa	8/6		
Allagar	1/3		
Allied Sumatra	17/10½		
Anglo Java(1/)	0/10½		
Batu Tiga	29/6½		
Bernam Per'k	23/7½		
Bikam (2/-)	2/3		
Brit.I.G.Trst.	77½		
Brit. E. Java	1/1½		
Broomecsel(2/-)	2/10½		
Bunter	2/10½		
Castlefield	2/10½		
Central Perak	2/3		
Chersonese	2/3		
Chewich	2/7½		
Cicely	3/3		
Djasinga	16/3		− 0/7½
East Sumatra	2/4½		
F. M. S. Plant	2/6½		− 0/7½
Gen. Ceylon	18/1½		
Glenbervie	1/1½		
Golden Hope	21/0		
Gordon	1/9		
Java Amal.	17/9		
Kamunting	3/1½		
Kepong (2/-)	3/3		
Kepitigali a	1/4½		
Kinta Kellas.	2/3*		
Kombok	1/1½		
Kuala Sel.	2/10½		
Ledbury	20/7½		
Manch'r N. B.	12/6*		
N. Rummoek	10/0		
Pataling	35/4½		− 0/3
Perak (2/-)	2/3		
Rambutan	1/10½		
Rim Malacca	2/9		
Sedenak

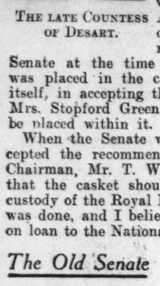
IRISHMAN'S DIARY

The Old Senate and the New : Telephone Cables at Howth : The Tiber in Flood : A Tribute to the G.P.O. : Aeroplanes in the Mud

The New Senate

Now that the Constitution of Eire has formally come into operation, the next matter of interest will be the new Senate. There is one tradition of the old House which, I hope, will be continued.

Anyone who was in the Upper Chamber while the Senate was sitting will remember the casket which reposed on the Chairman's desk. This was the gift of a famous Irishwoman and a one-time Senator, Mrs. A. Stopford Green. In her own words, it was intended "to be a perpetual memorial of the foundation of this body, and a witness in later times to its increasing service to the country."



THE LATE COUNTESS OF DESART.

At Mrs. Green's request the roll of the members of the Senate at the time of the presentation was placed in the casket. The Senate itself, in accepting the gift, ordered that Mrs. Stopford Green's name should also be placed within it.

When the Senate was abolished, it accepted the recommendation made by its Chairman, Mr. T. W. Westropp-Bennett, that the casket should be placed in the custody of the Royal Irish Academy. This was done, and I believe the casket is now on loan to the National Museum.

The Old Senate

When the Senate of the Irish Free State was constituted and held its first meeting—on December 11th, 1922—it consisted of sixty members—one half nominated by the President of the Executive Council, and the other half selected by the Dail.

Mr. Cosgrave's nominations were governed by Article 30 of the Constitution, which required that Senators should be citizens who "have done honour to the nation by reason of useful public service, or that, because of special qualifications or attainments, they represent important aspects of the nation's life."

The nominated members of the first Senate included two women, the Countess of Desart and Mrs. J. Wyse Power. The latter was one of the eighteen members of the Chamber who retained their seats throughout the Senate's history. The Dail also elected two women, Mrs. A. Stopford Green and Mrs. E. Costello.

Despite the fact that some of the members of the first Senate were not "popular," I believe that it was the best type of Chamber this country could have obtained at the time. If we get a new body as good we shall be very lucky; but that, I am afraid, is crying for the moon.

Cables at Howth

Less than a week intervened between my two last visits to Howth. Ten days ago I was pleasantly surprised to notice that busy gangs of workmen were excavating roadside trenches for lines of steel pipes which are to conceal telegraph and telephone wires between the G.P.O. and Ben Edar. At last—I thought—something is to be done to thin out that ugly network of overhead telephone and tramway and electric light cables.

Judge, then, of my disappointment on discovering that the steel tubes are only to encase our telegraph messages and 'phone talks to the other side of the Irish Sea—a continuation of one end of that new under-sea cable which we saw being heaved overboard a few months ago at Howth.

Yet second thoughts have toned down my disappointment. I bethink me of those worrying nights when storms or snowfalls cut off communications between Fleet street and Westmoreland street; and I solace myself with the prospect that a continuous underground and under-water stretch of cable would soon deliver my colleagues from such distracting moments.

Quick Work!

Not from any mere spirit of Christmas good-will, but because of what I actually saw, I am impelled to pay tribute to the engineers and staff of the cable-laying branch of Mr. Oscar Traynor's Department.

My companion on the trip to Howth was a person versed in engineering affairs. We stopped to watch those cable-laying operations, and—let me put it quite plainly—removed our head coverings to the gangers and gangs who, in spite of atrocious weather, seemed to be getting on with their job to the tune of hundreds of yards every day. Brains and brawn were there in happy combination.

Two thoughts remain—one happy, and the other not so cheerful. The happy one is that underground wires generally are by no means remote possibilities, when such teams of operatives are ready to do the job.

The less happy reflection suggests a contrast between the speed of Post Office and Corporation operations on the road to Howth. But comparisons are odious!

The Tiber Floods

Recently, writes a correspondent, I happened to be travelling by rail from Milan to Rome, and during the course of my journey was shocked to see the extent of the damage caused by the floods a week ago.

All the land on either side of the river had a coating of mud and slime at least a foot deep, and in parts the natural banks had broken into treacherous depths of liquid clay. Great gaps showed where a wall of hard soil had formerly been, and the brown flood waters rushed and tumbled, carrying silt and *débris* from higher up the river.

I was told in Rome that the Tiber rose seventeen metres—that is, approximately, fifty-four feet—and the appearance of the countryside fully justified this estimate. Ploughed land looked like a muddy estuary at low tide, and even hillocks had been covered by the water.

One amusing sight was that of a boat which had apparently been carried far away from its moorings, and was left stranded high and dry next the railway track. Getting that boat back to the river over at least half a mile of ooze will not be a pleasant job for its owner.

Helpless Aeroplanes

A very melancholy spectacle was the aerodrome just outside the city, where 'planes were standing inches deep in the oozing mud that the flood waters had left after their retreat. Mechanics wearily plodded through this morass of slime and looked disconsolately at their useless 'planes.

They had brought the 'planes out of the hangars, but had been unable to take them out of reach of the water, and I could not help feeling amused that the conquerors of the air should be defeated by mere mud.

But in Rome itself even worse conditions prevailed. My *concierge* told me that seven thousand were made homeless. Many were rescued by boats and taken away from their floating furniture, and a Paris paper that Italians read rather sadly had, under a photograph of a rescue, the line: "Is this Rome or Venice?"

Homeless on the Hillsides

The homeless were sent to specially prepared camps, and were looked after by the militia; but even now, when the waters have almost wholly decreased, many people cannot go back to their houses because of the damage.

In the country, however, the position of the homeless is much more serious, and many have been forced to pretend that winter is summer, and that they are out camping for pleasure. But the size of the fires on the hillsides show that they are undergoing real hardship.

Meanwhile the work of reclamation continues, and parties of workmen have already cleared away some of the mud from the aerodrome. But it will take a very long time, and what I want to know is: Where are they going to put all this mud? It is very muddy mud, and not what I would like to have in the garden in place of flowers. For flowers have sweet scents, but this stuff reminds me somewhat of the Liffey when the tide is low.

QUIDNUNC.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD

MR. LOWE AS ACTING-SECRETARY

Mr. Robert F. Lowe, who has been appointed acting secretary to the Dublin Port and Docks Board, during the three months' period of leave granted to Mr. E. H. Bailey on his retirement after sixteen years' service as secretary, is a Dublin man. He entered the service of the Board as a boy in 1902, being appointed to the engineering department. In 1918 he was transferred to the accounts' department and in 1921 he was appointed chief clerk. He was made assistant secretary in 1923. He will take up office as acting secretary to-day.

Mr. Lowe was a footballer and is now a golfer; he played football for the Bohemians up to 1914 and is a member of the Royal Dublin Golf Club. He admits that though his handicap is 14 Dollymount Links is the only course where he finds difficulty in justifying the figure.

Mr. Lowe's ability and courtesy as an official have earned for him the continued confidence of succeeding chairmen and members of the Port Board, and the new appointment is a mark of their appreciation.

One Jewish passenger was wounded in a twilight attack yesterday five miles west of Jerusalem, when a Jewish 'bus was fired on.

JOHNNIE WALKER
Rings in yet another New Year

Born 1820 (and still going strong), Johnnie Walker has rung in more New Years, and always in merry company, than any of his countless friends to-day can remember. Owing to the carefully selected stocks of fully matured whiskies available for blending, Johnnie Walker is now older and better than ever. Make sure, therefore, that you order the famous old Scotch in the square bottle.

Ask for Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky

Born 1820—still going strong

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ON THE WIRELESS

RADIO ATHLONE: New Year Greetings, 10.45.

BRUSSELS NO. 1: New Year's Eve Programme, 8.0.

PRAGUE: New Year Greetings, 7.0.

BERLIN: "Into the New Year," 7.0.

DEUTSCHLANDSENDER: Address by Dr. Goebbels, 8.0.

RADIO PARIS: New Year's Eve Programme, 11.0.

WARSAW: New Year's Eve Concert, 8.0.

VIENNA: New Year Greetings, 10.55.

B.B.C. NATIONAL: "I'm Going to Give Up . . ." 5.50.

LONDON REGIONAL: "The New Year," 12.0-12.20.

JUST now people are passing through a phase of mass sentimentality when it is quite the thing to pretend that the last day of the old year and the first day of a new one is an event which is going to make a striking change. They vow that the substitution of a new calendar on their domestic wall or office desk is going to bring about a spiritual revival in them of almost mystical proportions, and do something to change the marked disparity between their public masquerade and their private conscience. The whole business, of course, is made the occasion of much rejoicing, into which even the most cynical can throw themselves as an antidote to the post-Christmas depression.

As usual, broadcasting will provide special programmes to see the Old Year out and the New Year in, and, while rejoicing is more universal on the Continent, where in many countries the occasion overshadows Christmas as a period of national festivities, there are one or two interesting things in the domestic and British programmes. From Radio Athlone to-night at 10.45 there will be a series of New Year greetings to Celtic listeners in Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Manx and Breton districts, which these "Celtic listeners" will, no doubt, hear and appreciate if they are not too busily engaged in trying to get dance music from somewhere else. Earlier in the programme listeners will hear a recital of the best gramophone records of 1937, and at 11.30 the concluding item—a radio review of the year's news—will bring to an end another year of Radio Athlone programmes.

There is an interesting feature to be broadcast from B.B.C. National at 5.50, under the title, "I'm Going to Give Up . . ." when Thomas Woodrooffe will go into the streets of London and ask casual passers-by to tell listeners the various types of New Year resolutions they intend not to break. The British programmes will, as usual, close with a series of sound shots and impressions of the entry into the New Year, opening with a description of the crowd outside St. Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of the Watch-night Service, and closing with the gay scene at the annual Chelsea Arts Ball.

The continental programmes herald 1938 with gusto, and most of the leading stations, as will be seen from the table above, are presenting special New Year's Eve concerts or special programmes. All German stations will begin their celebrations at 6 o'clock with a broadcast address from Dr. Goebbels, and from that time will continue their appropriate music and memories of 1937 until 2 a.m. to-morrow. Poland will take listeners to join in the festivities in the ancient town of Lublin, in the south-eastern part of the country, and folk songs and dances will be transmitted from Prague. From French stations variety mainly will usher in both 1938 and the great national festival of the "Day of the Year," and Brussels will start its special programme with an orchestral rendering of Weber's Euryanthe Overture at 8 o'clock.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

RADIO ATHLONE—DUBLIN, 233 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.), **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (100 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.)

1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—The Best Records of 1937, compered by P. J. Dudley.
6.20—Joan Trimble, Piano Recital: Nocturne F major (Field), Gavotte—Caprice (Stavenhagen), Irish Tune from County Derry (arr Percy Grainger), Mazurka in E (Chopin), Chant Polonais No. 1 (Chopin).
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News
7. 0—Best Irish Books of the Year. By M. J. MacManus.
7.15—Moirin O'Connor, Violin Recital: La Plus que Lente (Debussy), Menuett (Handel), Hejre Kati (Scene de la Csarda) (Hubay), The Bee (Schubert).
7.30—"Time Flies." A Play for New Year's Eve, by Charles L. Gilbert.
8. 0—Irish Radio Orchestra and Michael O'Neill (Fiddle). Orchestra: Emerald Isle Selection (arr Langley); Michael O'Neill: The Scholar, The Green Mountain (Reels), The Dunlavin Fancy, Kildare Fancy (Hornpipes). Orchestra: Irish Scenes (Naylor). Michael O'Neill: The Bride's Favourite (Double Jig), Jenny Picking Cockles, The Ships are Sailing (Reels). Orchestra: Irish Dances (Ansell) (Hawkes).
8.40—"Hold Up." A Flight of Imagination, by Mathew O'Mahony.
9.10—Records.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—To-night's News.
10.45—Athlone's New Year Greeting to Celtic Nations. Messages in Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Manx and Breton.
10.55—Dublin Metropolitan Garda Ceilidhe Band, conducted by Superintendent O'Donnell Sweeney.
11.30—The World in 1937. A Radio Review of the Year's News.
12. 0—Welcome to 1938.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—Don Wilson's Gramcent Light Orchestra.
6.45—The Northern Ireland Regional Director.
7. 0—Regional.
8. 0—"Account Rendered." The Northern Ireland Regional Programme Director reviews a year's broadcasting.
8.40—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra. Frances Allsom (mezzo-soprano), Philip Warde (baritone).
10. 0-10.25—Regional.
12. 0-12.20—National.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
Time Signal, Greenwich, at 10.30.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—Before they go to School. How the Health Services keep your Children: A Medical Officer of Health.
11. 0—The Leon Daniels Trio.
11.30—An Organ Recital by E. H. Emery, from St. Comgall's Parish Church, Bangor.
12. 0—The Wessex Players.
12.30—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.
1.15—Friday Mid-day Concert, under the direction of Johan Hock, from Queen's College Chambers Lecture Hall, Birmingham. The Entente String Quartet.
2. 0—Adventures in the South Seas: Dwight Long.
2.20—Gramophone (Continental Variety).
3. 0—A Violin Recital by Tom Jones.
3.30—The Little Orchestra, directed by Jack Hardy
4. 0—Gramophone. "The History of Jazz": Leonard Hibbs.
4.30—"Made in Great Britain." No. 3—"Stourbridge Glass."
5. 0—Tunes of 1937. A programme of some of the most popular tunes heard during the past year, played by Al Collins and his Dance Band, and sung by Sam Costa, Terry and her Brothers.
5.50—"I'm Going to Give Up . . ." Passers-by tell Thomas Woodrooffe their good resolutions for 1938. Broadcast from a London street.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.25—"The Calendar." E. F. Jacob.
6.45—Swift Serenade. The Swift Serenade Concert Orchestra. The Singer, Violet Carson. The Speaker, David Porter. Concert arrangements by Ray Terry.
7.15—Music by Montague Phillips. The B.B.C. Orchestra, conducted by the composer. Clara Butterworth (soprano).
8. 0—The Kentucky Minstrels (a Black-Faced Minstrel Show).
9. 0—Time, News and Weather.
9.20—A Recital: Thelma Reiss (violoncello) and Ivor Newton (pianoforte).
10. 0—The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra and Ina Sonez (soprano).
10.45—"Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven." A broadcast review of the year. Produced by H. L. Morrow.
11.45—A New Year's Service from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House.
12. 0—Big Ben.
12. 1—"The New Year." A series of sound shots and impressions of Great Britain's entry into 1938.
12.20—Close down.

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich, and Weather.
10.45—Felton Rapley at the Organ of the Gaumont Palace Cinema, Birmingham.
11.15—Gramophone.
12. 0—A Pianoforte Recital by Erik Chisholm.
12.30—Gramophone.
1.15—Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ: Reminiscences of 1937.
1.45—Gramophone (Viennese Choirs).
2.15—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra and Nina Milkina (pianoforte): A Mozart programme.
3. 0—The Carlton Hotel Orchestra.
3.30—"The Kitten and the Snake." Frank Gerald.
3.45—A Symphony Concert: The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra and Frederick Stone (pianoforte).
5. 0—Children's Hour.
6. 0—The Salvationist Publishing and Supplies Band.
6.45—Poems I Enjoy. Margaret Rawlings.
7. 0—Time, News and Weather.
7.30—"Follow On": A Revue in Miniature. Book and Lyrics by Edward J. Mason. Music by Basil Hemiseed
8. 0—"The Microphone at Large."
8.35—Peter Warlock—5. Songs and Duets: Nan Maryska (soprano), Parry Jones (tenor), The Stratton String Quartet; George Stratton (violin), Carl Taylor (violin), Watson Forbes (viola), John Moore (violoncello).
9.20—Northern Music-Hall. Variety from the Palace Theatre, Blackpool.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather, Sport, Topical Talks.
10.25—Billy Cotton and his Band.
12. 0-12.20—National.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
5. 0—"Dancing Here and There": Charlie Steel and his Music, with Molly Morelle (from Leeds), and Mrs. Wilf Hamer and her Band, and Dennis Bland, from the Grafton Rooms, Liverpool.
6.45—Regional.
7.20—Brief Chronicle.
7.30—The Huddersfield Tzigane Band. Directed by Henry Andrews
8. 0—"D'ye Ken John Peel?" (A programme in honour of the famous huntsman.)
8.20—Arthur Wood conducts the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra in a Programme of his own works.
9.20—Northern Music-Hall. Variety from the Palace Theatre, Blackpool.
10. 0—Regional.
12. 0-12.20—National.

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.).

10.15—Regional Programme.
5.35—A Conversation between the Midland Regional Director and the Midland Programme Director.
5.50—The Round Table Singers.
9.20—As Regional.
12. 0-12.20—National.

WALES—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—Everet Davies and his Band.
6.30—Gramophone (Negro Spirituals).
6.45—Regional.
7.50—"Youth Activities": South Wales Boys' Clubs. Captain J. Glynn-Jones.
8. 0—Rheidolian Glee Party (conductor, Richard Evans); Teddy Holmes (violoncello).
8.35—Regional.
9.20—"At Random." New Year Resolutions. A heart-to-heart conversation on a seasonable topic.
9.40—Cabaret, from St. Mellons Country Club, St. Mellons, with Sterndale Bennett and Fred Gregory.
10. 0-10.25—Regional.
12. 0-12.20—National

WEST—285.7 Metres (1,050 Kc.).

10.45-6.0—National
6. 0—Regional.
6.45—A Pianoforte Recital by Winifred Davey (Bax).
7. 0—Regional
8.35—The Bristol Chamber Trio.
9.20—North.
10. 0—Regional.
10.25—Close down.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—"Next Week You'll Hear."
6.10—"Saturday Sport": Harry Young and John Richardson.
6.20—Scottish Dance Music: The Strings of the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
6.45—Regional.
7.30—"Who's Here for Hogmanay?" A Radio Visitor's Book.
8. 0—"Scotland in 1937": A review of the year's happenings North of the Border.
8.50—The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
9.20-10.30—Regional.
12. 0-12.20—National.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1,571 M.).—8.0-11.0 p.m.—Ringing out the Old Year: Songs, Dances, and Marches.

BEROMUNSTER (539.6 M.).—6.30-8.50 p.m.—Polish-Swiss Exchange Programme of Christmas and New Year Music.

BRUSSELS 2 (321.9 M.).—8.0-10.0 p.m.—New Year's Eve Revue by an Orchestra and Soloists.

COLOGNE (455.9 M.).—6.30-9.30 p.m.—Musical Champagne: Choral and Orchestral Music with Soloists.

KALUNDBORG (1,250 M.).—6.30-7.30 p.m.—Concert of Scandinavian Music by the Radio Orchestra.

KONIGSBERG (291 M.).—8.0-10.0 p.m.—New Year's Eve Punch: Variety with an Orchestra and Soloists

LEIPZIG (3822 M.).—7.10-10.55 p.m.—"All's Well That Ends Well": New Year's Eve Variety Concert

MONTE CENERI (257.1 M.).—7.50-9.0 p.m.—With the Radio through the Centuries: Revue.

NAPLES (371.7 M.). — 8.40-9.10 p.m.—Old Time Variety, presented by Luciano Molinari.

RADIO PARIS (1,648 M.).—11.0 p.m.-12.0 midnight—New Year's Eve Programme. Surprise Party 38

VIENNA (506.8 M.).—9.30-10.55 p.m.—New Year's Eve Concert by the Deutschmeisterkapelle, the Station Band, the Boheme Quartet, and Soloists.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES

ST. MATTHIAS'S CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Rev. G. S. Nowlan.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.—New Year's Eve, 10 a.m. Litany. 8. Evensong and Address; Rev. R. J. F. Maconchy.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—11 p.m., Watchnight Service; Canon Tobias.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHUICH.—11.15, Rev. E. D. F. Campbell.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—11.15, Rev. K. D. B. Dobbs.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Northridge.

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH, S.C. road.—11 p.m., Watchnight Service; Rev. R. Bird

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Grangegorman.—8 p.m., New Year's Eve Service; Rev. William Bell.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Rev. J. Blackwell.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL OF EASE.—11 p.m., Rev. Dr. Emerson.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, Thomas street.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service; the Rector. 12 (midnight), Holy Communion.

ST. VICTOR'S CHURCH, Donore avenue.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service; Rev. R. K. Lowe. 12 (midnight), Holy Communion.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Monkstown.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service. 12 (midnight), Holy Communion

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—11.30 p.m., Watchnight Service. 12 (midnight), Holy Communion.

ST. WERBURGH'S CHURCH.—11 p.m., Watchnight Service; Rev. A. D. Buchanan.

CLONTARF PARISH CHURCH.—11.30, Watchnight Service; Rev. J. B. Neligan.

DRUMCONDRA CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Rev. F. R. Alexander.

NORTH STRAND CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Rev. J. B. S. McGinley.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service; the Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Aungier street.—11.30 p.m., Watchnight Service.

ZION CHURCH, Rathgar.—11.15 p.m.—Canon L. Parkinson Hill.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH.—New Year's Eve, 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Rev. R. E. Weir.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service; Rev. W. N. Harvey.

ST. NAHI'S CHURCH.—8 p.m., Evening Prayer.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, Mount Merrion.—11.30 p.m., Solemn Watchnight Service and Holy Communion.

THE MARINERS' CHURCH, Kingstown.—11 p.m., Rev. Walter Wisdom.

CHRIST CHURCH, Blackrock.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight Service.

DALKEY PARISH CHURCH.—8 p.m., Evening Prayer.

ST. PAUL'S, Glenageary.—11.15 p.m., Watchnight.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Stephen's Green.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Lee Cole.

DOLPHIN'S BARN.—11 p.m., Rev. S. J. Crawford.

CHARLESTON ROAD, Rathmines.—11 p.m., Rev. J. Baird Ewens.

DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION, George's Hall.—11 p.m., Rev. J. W. McKinney.

CLONTARF.—11.15, Watchnight Service; Rev. Alan Booth.

KINGSTOWN.—11 p.m., Rev. W. J. Oliver.

BLACKROCK.—11 p.m., Rev. W. H. Hayes.

DALKEY.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Littlewood.

SUTTON CHURCH.—11 p.m., Rev. W. W. Hutchinson.

BRAY CHURCH.—11 p.m., Watchnight Service.

SANDYMOUNT.—11 p.m., Rev. W. S. Deale.

MORAVIAN CHURCH, Lower Kevin street.—11 p.m. Watchnight Service.

TO-DAY'S SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 101. Urbs Fortitudinis, 68. Hymn, 88 App. 5). Evensong at 4 o'clock. Unaccompanied Service. Psalm, 122. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Wesley in F. "On Christmas Morn," Carol XI.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. — Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Hymn, 9. Litany. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Goss in A. Anthem, "Lead me, Lord," Wesley.

The project for the re-opening of the Paris International Exhibition next year was turned down last night by the Finance Commission of the Senate by 18 votes to 5. The project had already been passed by the Chamber.

ECHOES OF THE TOWN

The New Constitution : Leopardstown Races : At Louth Hall : Political Rumours

By KITTY CLIVE

AN artist friend of mine had a little model who lived in the Coombe. She was very regular in attendance at the studio, and on one occasion, when she did not appear for several days, my friend became uneasy. But just as she was about to seek her in her home Molly arrived. She was rather excited and most anxious to tell how she had been ill and had visited the dispensary with her mother.

MISS A. MILLIGAN.

What most impressed her, however, was the fact that the doctor said there was nothing seriously wrong, except that her "constitution" was run down. Now, Molly never knew she had a "constitution," and the knowledge greatly affected her. She felt very important and kept repeating: "The doctor said that if I got a glass of milk every day, and if my mother bought the chickens' necks and boiled them down and I drank the soup, me 'constitution' would be better." It did not bring any change in Molly's diet, or, indeed, make any other difference. But she got the same thrill as the children in the land of make-believe in learning that she had a "constitution." And that is how a lot of people feel also about our new dignity.

Over the Border

I was so pleased to see Miss Alice Milligan in town this week. A Northern Nationalist, Miss Milligan hopes to see the border go and unity in Eire come again. She has a great sense of humour, and can tell a good story in her crisp Northern accent as few that I know. For some weeks before coming to Dublin she was snowed up in Tyrone, at Mountfield, and just had to wait until the snow cleared before going to Belfast. Living most of her life in the county of the O'Neills, Miss Milligan has all the traditions of the place, and tells me that county, she believes, is more musical than any other part of the country. Here Bunting collected the finest of his airs, and later Carl Hardebeck gathered others. But this Irish music seems an inexhaustible source, and even to-day there are treasures to be discovered in the Tyrone Hills. The people of the county also love music, especially folk music. Miss Milligan's sister, Mrs. Milligan Fox, edited and collected a great number of these airs, and she had the collaboration and knowledge of her poet-sister, Alice. While to-day one hears a good deal of lip service paid to Irish culture, I believe that there are corners over the border where there is more of the genuine Irish sentiment than in the South. Miss Milligan believes it, too, and I was not surprised to hear her state that she would prefer to live in Belfast than Dublin. She considers the Orange sash covers many an honest Irish heart, and is quite optimistic that the step over the border will take place, and will be also to the advantage of the South.

Good Sport

While there was a great crowd at Leopardstown on Saturday, many well-known hunting people were absent, as all the packs were out the same day. The fear of the frost induced everyone to take full advantage of the available days in the field, and I am told this has been a most enjoyable season so far. One of the most popular members of the Westmeath Hunt, Lady Prichard Jones, was home for Christmas. As Miss Heather Nugent, she hunted a good deal, and was present on Wednesday night at the Westmeath Hunt Ball, held at Knockdrin Castle. Sir Richard and Lady Levinge lent the castle which is situated close to Mullingar, for the ball last year, and again this season. He and Lady Levinge are very popular in the district since they came there a few years ago, on the appointment of Sir Richard to his post in the firm of Messrs. Guinness and Sons.

Louth Hall

Sir John and Lady Prichard Jones will stay with Lord and Lady Louth at Louth Hall, Ardee, during the hunting. Sir John, who is the son of Lady Louth, always enters for the Point-to-Point Louth meeting, which will not take place until February. I hear there will be no hunt ball of the Louths this year. The Louth Club had their dance during Horse Show Week in Dublin, but also had one at this season, either at the home of Mrs. Montgomery or elsewhere, but this year, perhaps, owing to the many other hunting functions, which seem to be overlapping, it has been abandoned. Lord and Lady Louth always spend several months here at this time, and have a number of house parties. The Louths have had a long association with the county. Lord Louth, who is the fourteenth Baron, bears the family name of Plunket, the first Baron, created in 1541, being Sir Oliver Plunket. The family, however, suffered the usual vicissitudes of the times, and during several generations were outlawed. The sixth Baron was outlawed in 1641 for the support he gave to the Stuarts, and, as his son continued the same support into the reign of James II., the force of the unrevoked outlawry was revived to exclude from Parliament the next (the eighth) holder of the title, and this was not reversed until 1798, during the tenure of the eleventh Baron.

Political Rumours

The more secret the Government may hold itself with regard to political news, the more incentive is given to the public to create rumours. That "some interesting development is anticipated across the water," that "the adjustment of tariffs is under consideration," that "changes are about to take place in diplomatic circles"—all make interesting gossip; for everyone in Dublin likes to feel that he knows something which is *sub rosa*. The visit of Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly and Mrs. O'Kelly to Rome for Christmas gave rise to the rumour that the Vice-President might go as Minister to the Vatican, with Mr. MacWhite to the Quirinal. Mr. O'Kelly has already represented the Irish Republic in Rome, and is well known in the Vatican City. Mr. Macauley, who was formerly in the United States, is now the Irish representative in Rome. He married the wealthy widow of the late Nicholas Brady, who was made a Duchesse by the Pope. Mrs. Brady has not adopted the title since her marriage to Mr. Macauley. The rumour that the Minister for Finance may leave the Cabinet in a few months and take up an important position in the Civil Service is also floating in the air. Other posts are also disposed of in various departments, but the Presidency is still enigmatic, and it remains uncertain whether we shall have a Coalition Government or the undesired election.

LADY PRITCHARD JONES.

The Mirth-maker

The mirth-makers are as important to the country as the king-makers, and Jimmy O'Dea has constituted himself the merry jester to usher in the New Year. I went to hear him the other day, for I was as anxious to learn his opinion of the new Constitution as Lord Dunsany was to find out the views of old Mickey on the country Well, Jimmy hopes, now that we have a new Constitution, we shall be able, among other things, to get a 'bus within a half hour! Jimmy has established himself as the local critic of municipal and national affairs, and during the next week the theatre will ring with his sallies and local chaff. The jokes may change from week to week, but the comedian seems to gain in verve and fun every time I see him. No wonder he plays to packed houses!

WEDDING

LIEUT.-COMMANDER SWAIN, R.N., AND MISS E. L. IRWIN

The Bishop of Limerick (Right Rev. Dr. King Irwin) officiated at the wedding of his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Louisa Irwin, and Lieutenant-Commander James Hamilton Swain, R.N., elder son of the Dean of Limerick, and the late Mrs. Swain, which took place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, yesterday. The Dean of Limerick and the Rev. T. H. Royse, M.C. (uncle of the bride), assisted at the ceremony.

The cathedral had been decorated for the occasion with chrysanthemums, holly and evergreens.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. C. K. Irwin, wore a beautiful ivory velvet gown cut on simple lines, with a softly draped neckline, long tight sleeves and a full train cut in one with the skirt. Her veil, which was of tulle, was embroidered with silver thread and was arranged over a halo of pearls. Her only ornament was a diamond and sapphire platinum Naval crown in the form of a brooch. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums, asperagus fern and smilax.

Lieutenant-Commander James Hamilton Swain wore his blue and gold Naval uniform.

There were four bridesmaids—Miss Scott, Miss M. Irwin (cousins of the bride), and the Misses J. and P. Swain (sisters of the bridegroom). They wore pretty dresses of old rose velvet, the bodices were slim-fitting with V necklines, while the long sleeves were puffed at the shoulders and tapered down tightly to the wrists. Their headdresses were plaits of old rose velvet ornamented at the sides with silver leaves, and they carried velvet muffs to match. The bridegroom's gift to each was a silver Naval crown in the form of a brooch.

Mr. J. B. Swain, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and the groomsmen in the church were Captain E. R. Shaw, Mr. Gloster, Mr. M. Goodbody and Mr. T. H. R. Irwin.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Bishopsbourne by the bride's mother, who wore a graceful gown of petunia coloured crepe romaine, with a hat of the same colour and silver fox furs. Having congratulated the bride and bridegroom, the guests were served with refreshments and they afterwards inspected the many wedding gifts on view.

During the afternoon Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Swain left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a pretty suit of powder blue with a hat to match.

ATTENDANCE

Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Augley, Miss Augley, Lord and Lady Adare, Canon and Mrs. Abbott, Canon and Mrs. Adderley, Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Armstrong, Precentor and Mrs. Atkinson, Archdeacon of Ardfert and Mrs. Power, Dean of Ardfert and Mrs. Rowan.

Mrs. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. R. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. F. Browning, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Blood-Smyth, Mrs. and Miss van Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. Bouchier, Rev. G. H. J. and Mrs. Burrows, Rev. T. E. Beacom, Rev. R. E. M. Benson, Mrs. Bawtree, Mrs. Bayley.

Mr. and Mrs. Conyers, Rev. W. M. Cargin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cleeve, Major and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Copley, Rev. J. R. H. and Mrs. Craig.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Dodds, the Earl and Countess of Dunraven, Captain and Mrs. Daly, Canon and Mrs. Davis, Miss Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans, the Misses Enright.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Major and Mrs. Finch, Colonel and Mrs. Furnell, Miss Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Golliott, Mr. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmaurice, Mr. E. H. Fuller.

Mrs. Gentleman, Mr. R. Gelston, Mr. and Mrs. Gloster, Mrs. Gillespie, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goodbody, Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodbody, Miss Goodbody, Mr. M. Goodbody, Mr. and Mrs. P. Goodbody, Mr. and Miss Gubbins, Mr. and Miss Gubbins, Liamullane.

Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Griffin.

Rev. A. E. M. and Mrs. Hewetson-Jones, Mrs. and Miss Hewson, Mr. R. Hewson, Mr. and Miss Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Heron, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunt, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Hains, Mrs. and Miss A. Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, Miss E. Hamilton.

Miss J. A. Irwin, Miss Myrtle Irwin, Mr. C. K. Irwin, Mr. H. R. Irwin, Captain and Mrs. Ivors.

Mrs. Joynt, Rev. E. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Johnston.

The Bishop of Killaloe and Mrs. Patton, the Archdeacon of Killaloe, Mrs. and Miss Blood-Smyth, the Dean of Killaloe and Mrs. Boyd, Miss Kennedy, the Rev. F. V. Q. and Mrs. Kerr, the Rev. F. W. R. and Mrs. Knowles.

Mrs. and Miss Lucas, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses London, Major and Mrs. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Lafroy, Miss Lee, the Archdeacon of Limerick and Mrs. Waller, the Dean of Limerick.

Mrs. Molony, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Mercier, Major and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Maunsell, Lord and Lady Muskerry, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, the Rev. W. R. F. and Mrs. Manning, Canon and Mrs. Maxwell, the Rev. W. R. R. and Mrs. Moore, the Rev. J. H., Mrs. and Miss Moran, the Rev. C. Murray, Miss Macartney, Miss Michie, the Misses Mallins, Judge McElligott.

Mrs. Nelson, the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Nelson, Lady Nash and the Misses

GREATER DUBLIN IN 1937

TWELVE MONTHS OF WAITING

TRIBUNAL DELAYS

By "CIVIS."

As Greater Dublin crossed the line from 1936 into the year of which only a very few hours now remain it was forecast that 1937 would witness many far-reaching changes in civic organisation. Every sign which was then visible on the municipal horizon indicated a year of exceptional activity and progress. Final agreements had been reached between the Municipal Council and the Electricity Supply Board; experts had spent years on the preparation of electric and water-supply plans—and we saw pictures of busy gangs of workmen at Poulaphuca and along the aqueduct line to Dublin in the coming spring and summer months. The Greater Dublin Tribunal, having then devoted a year and a half to taking and sifting evidence, would certainly present its conclusions to the Minister of Local Government before midsummer. Then public representatives and officials of local authorities in County Dublin would be able to make plans for the future!

Meanwhile the Corporation had resolved to give effect to the Town and Regional Planning Act. A special Planning Committee had been set up; and no time would be lost in appointing its expert advisers, with the necessary technical and administrative staffs. Work on the preparation of some kind of a provisional plan would proceed forthwith. The production of some such plan was a matter of extreme urgency, if only for the reason that the coming year would be one of unprecedented activity in municipal housing enterprise. St. Anne's estate had been acquired, and the expert planning of its 500 acres as a model garden suburb could not be postponed! With the immediate advent of a new City Manager there would be an end to hesitation and delay. The new year would be one of all-round record civic progress and achievement!

PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE

Such were the prospects and promises of last New Year's Day! What of the picture in retrospect? Has even one of all such expectations been vindicated by the year's events? Has performance conformed to promise in any branch of civic progress? Or—has 1937 merely been another year of procrastination and hopes deferred?

The fairest and fullest answers to such questions may possibly be supplied in a brief recital of the conditions which now prevail under the headings already mentioned. In order to avoid any appearance of imputing personal responsibility for failures or delays the safest and fairest course is probably to set out prospects as they appear to-day and leave it to readers to form their own conclusions as to why the prospects of a year ago are still the prospects of to-day! As a further safeguard against misapprehension it may be well to say that only facts which are already public property will be taken into account in anything that follows.

POULAPHUCA

The Poulaphuca Scheme—Towards the close of the year the E.S.B. entered into a contract for the construction of the dam which must be completed before the Corporation can obtain Liffey supplies; but tenders have yet to be invited by the Corporation for the construction of aqueducts, pipe-lines, service reservoirs, and other water-supply works. The cost of such works will be somewhere about £1,000,000, and will require several years to complete. Meanwhile, Dublin's outward expansion is, and will continue to be, restricted by water shortage.

THE TRIBUNAL

The Greater Dublin Tribunal—This body investigations have now extended over two and a half years. Except for an indeterminate statement by the Minister for Local Government, there has yet been no indication of the probable date on which its report will be completed. The Tribunal's recommendations, if accepted by the Government, will require legislative sanction before they can take effect. Pending such legislation administrative reorganisation must remain in abeyance, and plans for sewage, water supplies, and other public health works can only be local and tentative in character.

PLANNING

Then planning organisation! At the end of yet another year we still await the arrival of the expert advisers, in whose absence every major consideration of civic design—whether is affects housing locations, transport facilities, the distribution of water supply services, the direction and capacity of main drainage systems, or any other undertaking of strategic importance—must remain in abeyance. Except for vague and occasional statements to the effect that a Town-Planning Committee has held meetings, that new offices have been acquired, that planning experts had been appointed, and that they would have the assistance of a town-planning officer, the position to-day shows no material change from the outlook of a year ago!

In the particular case of the St. Anne's estate—which, except for legal formalities, had been acquired by the Corporation in the autumn of 1936—there is yet no evidence of decisions which hold out promises of early building operations; nor, indeed, is there any public assurance that the purchase of the property has been completed, or even provisional decisions taken as to its use and development. Meanwhile patchwork drainage schemes proceed in the surrounding district without apparent reference to the changes which the design and use of new garden suburb must entail in the future development of the whole north coastal area! The whole scheme seems to be as much "in the air" as it was a year ago!

HOUSING

When we turn to a review of general housing progress during the year very exceptional factors must be taken into account. Six months of almost complete paralysis in the building trades inevitably played havoc with the plans and prospects of a year ago. Whether last January's municipal housing programme could, or would, have been adhered to in the absence of the labour crisis can only be a matter of speculation; but it is hardly conceivable that the report of the Citizens' Housing Council (which is now under consideration by the City Manager and the Housing Committee) could, in any event, have failed to influence the character and the extent of the Corporation's previously conceived plans. Two new factors therefore enter into the housing prospects of 1938—namely, sharply increased building costs consequent on higher rates of wages and augmented prices of building materials, and the outcome of official deliberations on the Housing Council's recommendations.

Viewing changed prospects in the field of private housing enterprise, the influences of increased building costs and the Government's decision to withdraw subsidies previously available as stimulants to speculative building must be regarded as new factors of adversity. There is, however, the prospect that some form of co-operation between the State and building societies (recently adumbrated by the Minister for Industry and Commerce) may be made to counteract these new adverse factors. As such financial readjustments must, however, involve prolonged negotiations, it is difficult to take an optimistic view of the prospects of private housing enterprise during the coming year!

OTHER BUILDING ENTERPRISE

Meanwhile, the general outlook in the field of commercial and industrial building activities seems to be unusually bright. In both central and suburban areas the construction of several new picture-houses, involving the outlay of some hundreds of thousands of pounds, is in progress. Together with the provision of a new factory and commercial buildings (many of which were held back by the Labour crisis), the consequent demands for supplies of skilled labour may tax available resources.

In addition to such demands, it seems to be likely that certain Government building schemes, which were decided upon more than a year ago, may soon call for labour supplies. Schemes for new offices for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (planned for the old site of Maple's Hotel in Kildare street) and for the long-deferred post office buildings in Trinity street and Pearse street appear to have reached the point at which early action may be expected. Concurrently there now seems to be the prospect that considerable progress may soon be made with the several hospital construction and reconstruction schemes which have been the subjects of prolonged negotiations between the Government and local authorities.

The immediate outlook for building and other constructional activities accordingly appears to be exceptionally bright. So bright, indeed, as to indicate that the competing demands of municipal housing schemes and other building enterprise may call for some measure of "rationalisation" during the coming year!

STREET TRANSPORT

Another body of exigent problems, which have long been neglected by the State and local authorities, are overdue for attention and action. With the enforcement, next week, of the new codes of traffic and parking by-laws, the need for far-reaching changes in Dublin's street traffic organisation will cease to be matters for academic discussion.

The abolition, or considerable restriction, of tramway services in central areas, the provision of alternative means of public transport and of new Liffey bridges, and the development of car garaging accommodation may be expected to constitute lively and pressing items on the year's civic agenda. With the introduction and increase of double-deck omnibus services, indications of big coming changes in street traffic organisation are much more marked than they were a year ago!

SUBURBAN CONTRASTS

Outside the city area, but within the precincts of Greater Dublin, there have been sharp contrasts in the year's changes. While Dun Laoghaire has planned, and begun to carry forward, important schemes of coastal and suburban improvement, the County Council (now largely an urban authority) has taken no corresponding steps to prepare plans for the development of the suburban and seaside areas which lie within its jurisdiction. The Council's failures in such respects have, doubtless, been due to three deterrent factors—namely, the predominance of rural interests in its membership, the denial of adequate water supplies, and—above and beyond all such adverse factors—complete uncertainty as to the extent of the area which will remain within its control, or the nature of the functions which it will be called upon to discharge, when the findings of the Greater Dublin Tribunal receive legislative sanction.

Meanwhile it may be noted that the Council, as an independent planning authority, appears to be making some commendable efforts to prevent the spoliation of certain local districts within its administrative area.

THE GENERAL OUTLOOK

From such details let us turn to a wider survey of the coming year's prospects, possibilities and needs. To what aggregate result do such masses of complex activities point? Are big movements of population and the unchangeable results of public and private activities just to go on happening without regard to comprehensive plan or thought of ultimate design? Is administration to remain in a state of archaic suspense and regional design to continue to be the plaything of "transient and embarrassed phantoms," whose necks are imminently threatened with the fall of the Customs House axe?

The answer lies with the Minister for Local Government and his colleagues, in whose hands is ultimate responsibility for the future of Ireland's metropolitan city. If and when they get busy with the report of the Greater Dublin Tribunal the civic horizon may begin to clear. Until that happens the wisest of municipal representatives, and the ablest of administrators, must remain in an impenetrable fog of doubt and uncertainty. In such conditions of "low visibility" Greater Dublin crosses the threshold of 1938. It looks uncomfortably like yet another year of "muddling through."

DANCES

NORTH KILKENNY HOUNDS

Ballyconra House, Ballyragget, the residence of Mr. R. Cahill, was the scene of the successful annual dance of the North Kilkenny Hounds. Hunting folk from a wide area attended and the gentlemen, wearing the scarlet coat of the hunt, presented a colourful scene.

The attendance included Lord Kildare (M.F.H.), Mr. R. C. Prior-Wandesforde (M.F.H.) and Mrs. Prior-Wandesforde, Kilkenny; Captain and Mrs. Prior-Wandesforde, Castlecomer; Miss Beattie, Lady Dowdall, Lady Bellew, Mrs. Loftus, Captain and Mrs. Cosby and party, Stradbally, Leix; Miss Redford-Norcop, Shropshire; Captain and Mrs. Anderson, Kilkenny; Captain J. E. and Mrs. St. George, Freshford; Mr. G. Briggs, Dr. J. Russell, Ballyragget; Mr. G. Brenan and Miss Brenan, Eden Hall; Miss E. Maher, Tipperary.

Mr. T. G. and Miss Powell, Dublin; Mr. G. C. and Mrs. Kinahan, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Stopford; Mrs. Day, The Palace, Kilkenny; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Carlow; Mr. Maurecaux, Mr. John Alexander, Mr. A. St. George, Mr. J. and Mrs. Toler-Aylward, Shankill Castle; Mr. R. Purdon, Mr. R. Cahill, Captain C. M. Camberley, England; Miss Purkis, Odagh Rectory; Mrs. Bunker, Miss Gahan, Miss O'Grady, Miss Poer, Mr. J. Walsh, Edgeworthstown; Mrs. and Miss Scott-Dove, Kilkenny; Mr. N. Phair, The Deanery; Mr. R. Johnson, Castlecomer; Mrs. Hamilton, Mountrath, and Mr. C. and M. J. Hamilton, Mountrath.

Mr. R. McGonagle, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Grattan-Bellew, M. Butler, Thomastown; T. B. Ponsonby, C. B. Ponsonby and Mrs. Ponsonby; Mr. and Miss Kehoe, Carlow; Mr. Lambton, Mr. Victor McCalmont and party, Mount Juliet; James McClintock, Miss Ann Poe, Mr. Darcy, Miss Sherin, Mr. Eustace-Duckitt, W. O'Grady, Cork; Miss Gethin, Mr. Bagley, Miss Cannan, Capt. and Mrs. Keane, Mr. and Mrs. Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. Pennefather; Miss de Sales la Terrière, Mr. Philips, Tipperary.

Mr. and Mrs. McEnery, J. D. Smithwick, Kilkenny, W. A. Smithwick and Mrs. Smithwick; Mr. White, Durrow; Mr. and Mrs. Kemmis, Portarlington; Madame O'Callaghan, Mrs. Batley and party, Bray; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Cholmondeley; Mr. More-Stevens, Mr. Byrne, Dublin; Mr. Bradish, Wexford; Mr. and Miss Manseragh, Tipperary; Miss Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Langley, and Miss Breen.

COUNTY LIMERICK HUNT

The County Limerick Hunt ball, held in the Stella Ballroom, Limerick, was largely attended, and was an unqualified success. The music was provided by the band of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Among those present were:—The Earl and Countess of Dunraven, Viscount and Viscountess Adare, Lady Olien Wyndham Quin and party, Mr. J. Alexander, M.F.H., and Mrs. Alexander; the Hon. C. Furness, M.F.H., and Mrs. Furness; the Knight of Glin and Madam FitzGerald, Commander and Mrs. Monsell and party, Mr. H. D. Price, M.F.H., and Mrs. Price; Mr. and Mrs Hickman, Lord and Lady Muskerry and party, Mr. J. J. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan (Scarteen).

Captain and Mrs. Knowles, Colonel and Mrs. Galloway, Captain and Mrs. Stedman, Major and Mrs. Clarke, Captain and Mrs. Westropp, Captain Massey, Miss Massey and party, Captain Daly, Major and Mrs. Webb and party, Captain and Mrs. McGaw, Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly and the Misses Kelly, Commander P. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Fitzgerald and party; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goodbody and party, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Goodbody and party, Mrs. Conyers, Major and Mrs. Chute.

Captain and Mrs. Cripps, Mr. Terence Cleeve and the Misses Cleeve, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. K. Roycroft, the Misses Moore (Mooresfort), Mr. J. Egan, Mr. J. G Whitehead, Captain Westall, Mr. M. Westropp, Mr. A. Humphreys, Dr. P. J. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. G. A Harris, Captain Tidmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. J F. Cleeve, Mr. H. and Mrs. Cleeve, Mr. F. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. M. Goodbody, Mr. P. Farrell, Mr. R. M. Langford, Mr. J. Langford and Mr. E. Leahy.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Cork Sudden Death.—An elderly man, Michael O'Leary, 4 Little Cross street, Cork, died suddenly in North Main street yesterday.

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New Appointment.—Mr. Wm. S. Hamilton, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gortin, County Tyrone, has been appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions, Lurgan.

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Dock Labourer's Death.—Death from natural causes was the verdict returned on James Feehan (67), dock labourer, who was found dead by his daughter at the Sailors' Institution, Bachelor's Walk, Waterford.

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Woman Injured.—Mrs Neil McCarron, of Barrack street, Ballaghaderreen, received a fracture in one leg and other injuries when she was struck by a motor car in Lung road, Ballaghaderreen, yesterday. Her condition is critical.

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Sent for Trial.—Patrick Morris, no fixed address, who was charged at Kilkenny with the larceny of a sum of £50 in cash from the house of Mrs. Johanna Dunne, Drakelands, on December 27, was returned for trial.

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Limerick "Share-Out."—The amount shared out at Christmas among the employés of W. J. Shaw and Sons (Limerick), Ltd., who are members of the Garryowen Bacon Factory Benefit Society, was £2,480 12s., representing their savings for the year with added interest.

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Overdraft Wanted.—Cork County Council yesterday agreed to apply for an overdraft up to £95,000, the Secretary remarking that for January, 1937, the overdraft was £180,000 and for January, 1936, £230,000, so that there had been a remarkable improvement in two years.

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Cattle Suffocated.—Six cattle, the property of Patrick Duffy, Ballygortagh, Summerhill, were suffocated on Wednesday night. The animals had been housed in a shed at one end of which a fire had been burning during the day. The animals were partitioned off from the fireplace. The owner made the discovery yesterday morning.

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Cork Fire.—The prompt arrival of the fire brigade checked within half an hour an outbreak of fire yesterday morning in the offices of Mr. G. Y. Goldberg, solicitor, at 96 Patrick street, Cork. The alarm was given by two young women about 9 a.m. A large portion of the floor of the offices was destroyed, but other damage was comparatively slight.

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Bomb Found Near Railway.—While playing along the embankment of the G.N.R. water pumping station, Ballybay, Master B. Gibson found in a shrubbery a bomb or hand grenade. Mr. F. Gibson, the boy's father, handed it over to the Civic Guard barrack. The Guards are of opinion that it was lying at the place for a considerable time, but whether it is a live bomb or not has not been decided.

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Caught in Machinery.—Cornelius Cronin, Blackrock road, Bantry, suffered serious injuries at Bantry Woollen Mills yesterday, when as he was putting weights on a milling machine his coat got entangled on the machine and he was swept around at 1,000 revolutions per minute and also battered against a wall. Another employé, hearing his shouts, stopped the machine. He was removed to Cork Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

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Man in Bedroom.—The discovery by a young woman of a man in her bedroom was related at a special court in Coalisland, when James Canavan, of Aughamullan, was charged with breaking and entering a neighbouring farmer's house. Slamming of a door between 1 and 2 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd inst. awakened Miss M. McStravog. She got up and found a man standing against the door. He disappeared through her bedroom window. She asked who he was, and he replied Jim Canavan. She lighted a lamp and identified him through the kitchen window. He was returned for trial to Dungannon Quarter Sessions.

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Kelly Memorial School, Portrush.—The annual distribution of prizes in Kelly Memorial School took place in the school on Wednesday, 22nd December. There was a large attendance of pupils, parents and friends. The Rev. J. C. Handley Vaughan, M.A., chairman of the school committee, presided, and referred to the excellent work—both religious and secular—done in the school. Well-merited tribute was paid to the work of the Principal (Mr. T. J. Gillespie) and his assistants. Miss Watt distributed the prizes and certificates and warmly congratulated the prize-winners. A delightful musical programme given by the pupils was thoroughly enjoyed. The function concluded with the singing of "God Save the King."

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Cork Road Estimates.—Cork County Council decided to spend £60,000 on main roads, with £8,000 extra in making margins on those roads suitable for horse traffic. The estimate for county roads was £108,575, and the Council allocated £102,515, with £1,500 for footpaths and £300 for new roads. When an estimate of £41,923 for repair works on main roads was submitted, Mr. John Daly remarked that all the money collected in rates would be needed for the roads in future. This estimate included £4,757 for the principal road to Mallow beet factory and £11,302 for all the roads leading to the beet factory. By a majority the Council decided against providing these amounts, and adjourned the remainder of the estimate.

M. Maurice Ravel, the famous French composer, who has just died.

KILKENNY CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Thursday.

The Pope has been graciously pleased to make the following new appointments in the Diocesan Cathedral Chapter:—

Dean—The Right Rev. James Monsignor Doyle, P.P., V.G., Thomastown.

Archdeacon—The Very Rev. Charles Canon Cavanagh, P.P., V.F., St. Canice's, Kilkenny.

Precentor—The Very Rev. Jeremiah Canon Drennan, P.P., Tullaherin.

As Eugen Wiedmann was being taken from his cell to the chambers of the examining magistrate to be questioned with regard to the deaths of two of his alleged victims his lawyer told him that Wiedmann's aged mother had arrived. To this Wiedmann replied, "I don't wish to see her."

PORT SECRETARY RETIRES

MANY TRIBUTES TO MR. E. H. BAILEY

BACKWARD GLANCE OVER 53 YEARS

MR. E. H. BAILEY, who has been secretary to the Dublin Port and Docks Board for the past sixteen years, officiated at yesterday's Board meeting for the last time in that capacity. He retires to-day, and Mr. Robert F. Lowe, assistant secretary, has been appointed acting secretary. When the Board assembled, the chairman, Mr. C. M. O'Kelly said that Mr. E. H. Bailey had been appointed to the Board in 1884, and was transferred to the Westmoreland street offices in 1903. He was appointed accountant in 1913, and secretary in 1921. Mr. Bailey had, in all, 53½ years service. He did not think that any secretary had ever served any Board as well as Mr. Bailey had served them. He always was courteous and civil and helpful to the public, and was nearly as well-known as the Ballast clock, as far as relations between the Board and the public were concerned. They all felt his loss, but they realised that he was entitled to a well-earned rest, and they hoped that he would be long spared to enjoy it.

Mr. T. R. McCullagh said that, as senior member of the Board, and with 59 years connection with it, both as a member and in other ways, he had nothing but the highest praise for Mr. Bailey for his courtesy and anxiety to help on all occasions.

Mr. D. Barry, O.B.E., said that during his whole period of membership and the two periods in which he had been chairman he had found Mr. Bailey always ready to help in all matters appertaining to the Port. A more courteous official no Board ever had. He hoped Mr. Bailey would be long spared to enjoy his well merited retirement.

Captain Alan Gordon, vice-chairman, joined in the chairman's tribute, and said Mr. Bailey had been a most faithful and loyal official of the Board.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan, T.C., said that Mr. Bailey had been an extremely courteous and a most zealous and efficient officer.

Mr. D. Coyle, Major Hollwey and other members also spoke in laudatory terms of Mr. Bailey and the good and long service he had given to the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

REFORMS

Mr. Bailey, in returning thanks to the chairman and members of the Board, referred to the many chairmen and many Boards he had known. He said that he well remembered about forty years ago when the constitution of the Board was altered a public meeting was held in the Mansion House to select candidates, and twenty-one prominent business men were selected. They all pledged themselves to reform the Board and also to resist the imposition of dues on goods. Not many years afterwards another Board was elected to reform the "reformed Board," and so it had gone on up to the present time. The Port of Dublin to-day was a monument to the foresight and business ability of the members over the past sixty or seventy years. He had the greatest belief in the old Port of Dublin. Thirty-five years ago his former chief, when questions as to the value of the Board's mortgage bonds as a good investment arose, told them to consult their stockbrokers and bankers, and added that he could not see what could happen the Port of Dublin unless the bottom fell out of the Liffey. Those views were his views. He had served twenty-eight masters in his time with a fair amount of success, due altogether to the loyal support of the staff. He felt the break, and was glad of that opportunity of thanking the members, past and present, for their many kindnesses.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Chairman if the Board had honoured the occasion of the coming into operation of the Constitution, which had taken place on Wednesday. There had been criticism in the morning's Press, and it had been stated that there had been no outward evidence that the Port had taken notice of the importance of the event.

The Chairman said that whoever made that statement had made a mistake, as the Board's flag had been flown on Constitution day.

Thanks were returned by Mr. R. F. Lowe, Mr. Flynn and Mr. Rooke for their appointments as acting secretary, acting accountant and acting collector of dues, respectively.

"THE GREAT DAY"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The paragraph, "The Great Day," in addition to other personal views on the subject, gives deep cause for reflection. Personally, I would like to say that our Government is making no effort to instil the elements of public international pride in us. As far as the ordinary person could see, there was nothing to mark December 29th, 1937, as anything out of the ordinary.

I will mention one or two things in particular—one, the Constitution postal celebration. I despatched yesterday about two dozen letters bearing both of the special stamps—two of which were to my own house—all of them to be preserved, I hope, by their recipients as a souvenir of a very great occasion. Well, the post-marking and the special frank were a disgrace. On the two to my own house neither the date nor the inscription of the frank appear—a faint circle and two faint lines and a smudge. Now, if there was any individuality in the mind of those concerned, the frank should have been a bold, clear marking and in a special coloured ink. Have we no one capable of even mediocre publicity qualifications to ensure that the results would be at least as good as the post-marking of a local British or foreign exhibition of tourist advertisement?

Why on earth could not the day have been a public holiday? Why could not a real display on the streets of the defence forces been given? Why was the city not publicly decorated? Why was there not a ball at the Castle and why was there no printed souvenir in a tasteful cover?

No; the truth is either our guides are without any imagination of the wishes of the public or they are really ashamed of the Constitution they have given us, and in their hearts realise that it is merely the biggest piece of eyewash ever perpetrated, of which the total effective result is the changing of the name "Saorstat Eireann" to the name "Ireland," or "Eire." All along our stamps have borne the name "Eire." Ireland was the country used in addresses without change; nobody ever bothered writing Irish Free State. The whole thing is only one more drab incident in the history of the last few years, in which our country has sunk internationally from being worthy of international notice to an obscurity from which all the home manufactured super nationalism will never in this generation lift it.—Yours, etc.,

VALENTINE MASON.

Killiney, Co. Dublin,
December 30th, 1937.

MORE PLAYGROUNDS NEEDED

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION AT DUBLIN INQUEST

Recommendations for the provision of more playgrounds for children in the congested areas of Dublin were made by the jury at an inquest in the Mater Hospital, yesterday, on Maura Josephine Cunningham, aged 7 years, of 11 North William street, who died as a result of injuries received when she was knocked down by a motor lorry in Portland place on Wednesday last. Medical evidence was given that she died from shock and hæmorrhage following laceration of the brain.

Margaret Buckley, a little girl who was playing on the street at the time, said that she and Maura Cunningham were hiding behind a stationary car. Maura ran out in front of the oncoming lorry and was knocked down.

The Coroner, Dr. D. A. MacErlean, agreed with the recommendations of the jury, and described them as "a very good suggestion."

A verdict of accidental death was returned, and the driver was exonerated from all blame.

Mr. D. Collins, solicitor, appeared for the owner and driver of the lorry.

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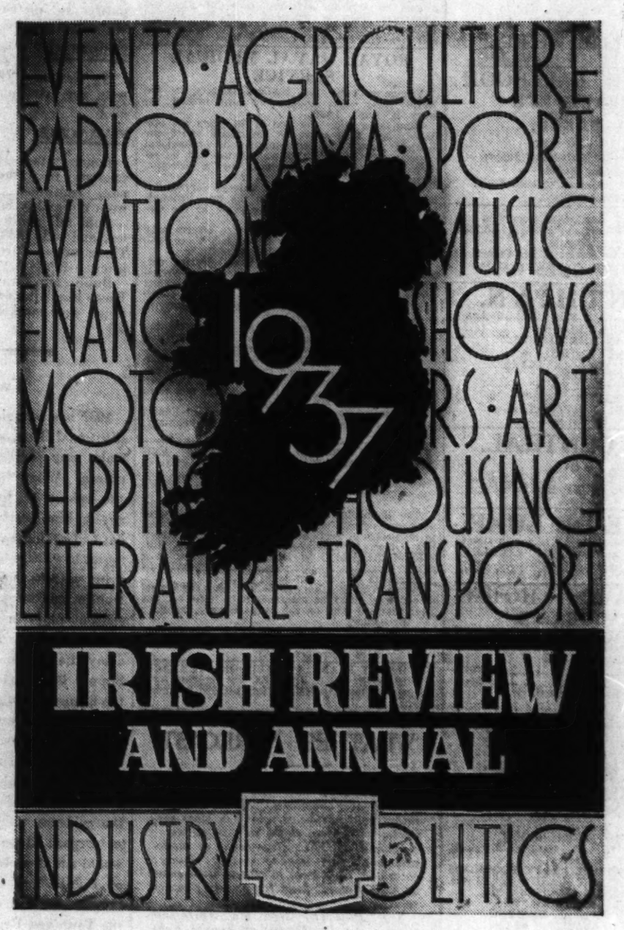

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T. J. KELLY, Secretary,
Offaly County Council.
Courthouse, Tullamore, 31st December, 1937.

ROYAL NAVAL DENTAL SERVICE.
Vacancies exist for Dental Officers in the Royal Navy, and applications for entry are invited from Registered Dental Surgeons.
Candidates must be British subjects of pure European descent, below 28 years of age on the day of entry, and physically fit for service in any part of the world. Unmarried candidates are preferred. Candidates will be required to attend at the Admiralty for physical examination and interview by a Selection Board.
Copies of the regulations for entry and conditions of service, including rates of pay and allowances, may be obtained from the Medical Director-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.1, and from the Deans of Dental Schools.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.
Vacancies exist for Medical Officers in the Royal Navy, and applications are invited for entry in April, 1938.
Candidates below the age of 28 years are preferred, and they must be registered under the Medical Acts. No examination in professional subjects will be held, but candidates will be required to attend for interview by a Selection Board.
Selected candidates will be entered for Service for a period of three years in the first instance, which may be extended to five years at the discretion of the Admiralty.
At the end of three years' service officers may retire with a gratuity of £400, but those who serve for five years will receive £1,000.
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Copies of the regulations for entry and conditions of service, including rates of pay and allowances, may be obtained from the Medical Director-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.1, and from the Deans of all Medical Schools.
Applications for entry from intending candidates must be received not later than 28th February, 1938.

KILDARE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.
MIDWIFE WANTED.
The Board invite applications from existing or pensioned officers legally qualified to be appointed in pursuance of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, as Midwife of the Athy East Dispensary District, at a salary of £52 per year rising by £2 annually to a maximum of £67 per year.
Forms of application can be had from the undersigned, and must be returned, duly filled up, not later than 10 a.m. on the 10th January, 1938.
By Order,
D. J. PURCELL, Secretary.
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General Inference.—An anti-cyclone is centred over Scotland. There will be rather cold north-east winds in most districts, with some slight rain in places.
Ireland, all Districts.—Light or moderate north-east winds; mainly cloudy; occasional light rain in places, with snow on high ground; local fog or mist; rather cold.
Sea Passages.—Moderate north-east winds; mainly cloudy; occasional light local rain; visibility mainly good, but local coast fog; sea moderate.

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DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec	Bar	Thermometer 1 temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hour
24	30.368	46.8	50	46	47	–	0.5	1.0
25	30.560	51.8	55	34	28	S.E.	trace	0.0
26	30.646	49.0	52	43	44	–	trace	0.0
27	30.684	46.4		45	43	E.	trace	0.0
28	30.644	46.8	48	44	42	E.	0.3	0.0
29	30.600	44.5	47	40	34	E.	–	0.0
30	30.396	44.2	48	41	39	E.	–	0.0

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.40	8.41
Sets	4.16	4.17
Lighting-up Time	4.46	4.47

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	10.29	11.10
Evening	10.55	11.32

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Belfast	10. 5	10.27
Cork	4.31	4.58
Drogheda	10.17	10.43
Dundalk	10.14	10.40
Galway	4.15	4.39
Limerick	5.45	6. 9
Londonderry	7. 5	7.30
Sligo	4.54	5.13
Waterford	5.32	5.59
Wexford	5.27	5.46

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1937.

NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

The first official steps have been taken by the Acting Minister for Local Government in connection with the setting up of the new Senate.—(Page 7.)

Five men were given prison sentences at Belfast yesterday for illegal activities—(Page 7.)

Relatives of a young Irish nurse who died at Larne, after removal from Oldham, were criticised by the Coroner yesterday.—(Page 8.)

The new Constitution is praised by Mr. P. J. Little, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, in a message to his supporters in Waterford.—(Page 8.)

Mr. E. H. Bailey, who was Secretary of the Dublin Port Board for the last sixteen years, retires to-day.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

While the Chinese are strengthening the defences of Hankow, Taingtao is being evacuated, and the principal buildings which might be useful to the Japanese are being dynamited.—(Page 7.)

King Farouk of Egypt yesterday dismissed his Cabinet and formed a new Government, the Premier of which is Mahmoud Pasha, who took a notable part in the independence movement of 1919.—(Page 7.)

According to Moscow mesages eight prominent Soviet leaders have pleaded guilty to plotting to bring about a capitalised *régime* in Armenia.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING

At Newbury yesterday Sable Marten won the Reading Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were steadier in tone yesterday, though the volume of business continued small. Trans-Atlantics were noticeably better.—(Page 3.)

Gold fell another 4d. to 139s. 6d. per oz., and only £391,000 in bars was sold. There was a further recovery in silver prices.—(Page 3.)

Dublin Market remained quiet, but firm. Home Funds tended higher, while Railway issues were marked down sharply.—(Page 3.)

Two Years

1937 has brought to Ireland many constitutional changes which may, or may not, make any difference to the ordinary citizen. What changes has it brought in the sphere of local government, which affects him nearly every minute of the day? Looking backwards, we realise with regret how little has been done during this dying year to improve the organisation of Dublin, and to make it a better and more efficient place in which to live. All the omens for the year were fair. After long delay the Corporation and the Electricity Supply Board had reached agreement on the harnessing of the Liffey, and there was every right to expect that good progress towards the great hydro-electric scheme would have been made by the end of 1937. The Greater Dublin Tribunal, appointed in the middle of 1935, had retired to sift the evidence which it had obtained, and to prepare those recommendations that would act as a chart for the future course of Dublin and its environments. The Corporation had deigned at last to apply the Town and Regional Planning Act. St. Anne's estate at Clontarf had been acquired as the site of a new colony of houses for the poor—and, as many people hoped, was destined to be the first fruits of a new outlook on re-housing. A year has passed: yet how few of the hopes, so amply justified a year ago, have been fulfilled. As a Special Correspondent observes this morning, while work has begun on the great dam which will impound the Liffey waters behind Blessington, the Corporation has not yet reached even the stage of inviting tenders for the pipe-lines, service reservoirs, and other works of construction which will be necessary before the vital water can be brought to Dublin. Two and a half years after its appointment—one and a half years after its taking of the last word of evidence—Mr. Justice Duffy's Greater Dublin Tribunal is still silent, and the city continues to develop along an uncharted course. While some of the machinery of planning has been set up and the help of experts has been enlisted, nevertheless, in our correspondent's phrase, no material change has been effected. No decision yet has been taken about the future of St. Anne's; instead, real progress is being retarded by patchwork drainage schemes in the neighbourhood. As for the supreme task of slum-clearance and re-housing, has it advanced during 1937—or is the situation to-day worse in some ways than it was twelve months ago?

In all these matters it has been, indeed, a sorry year. Can we not hope, however, that 1938 will see the accomplishment of everything that has been left undone in 1937? Fortune is unlikely to have in store any further cruel blows of such a kind as was the six months' building strike of last year; and the measure of civic achievement ought to be the measure of civic energy. A fair start would be made if only the laggard Tribunal could be compelled to produce its report before the headlong growth of the city's population has rendered its evidence obsolete, and if Mr. de Valera's Government would hasten the legislation necessary to implement its findings. When once the report appears it will be possible to devise a real strategy for the war upon the slums: a war which will demand the combined resources of the entire city. Whether those resources will be sufficient we cannot know as yet. The Citizens' Housing Council, whose interim report was one of the bright features of a dull year, is of opinion that much must be done in regard to the training and mobilisation of labour, and in regard to the "rationalising" of the building industry, if the work of re-housing is to be undertaken on a really effective scale. Whatever might have been accomplished by piecemeal methods ten or twenty years ago, nothing can be accomplished now except by a wholesale offensive. The removal of the slums will involve radical changes in every department of civic activity. Huge new suburbs cannot be created without the most careful planning; a totally new conception of the problem of transport will be needed; main drainage will become once more a subject of the first importance; it will be necessary to abandon the old outlook, which saw Dublin as an average-sized city, and to consider it as the nucleus of a region. We think that many citizens have acquired this outlook during the year that ends to-night; during the year that begins to-morrow they will have occasion to put their new understanding to practical purposes. If 1937 proves to have been the last year of tinkering with great problems, the last year of patchwork, the last year of shilly-shallying, of obstructive officialdom, of fumbling, of postponements, of indecisiveness, then it will have been a year of moment in civic history. If only the energy which has had no chance to expend itself during 1937 finds outlet from to-morrow onwards, our city will have reason to be proud of itself on this day twelve months hence.

The Sixty Families

Battle has been joined between President Roosevelt's Government and those who control the big business interests in the United States. Yesterday Mr. Ickes, the Secretary for the Interior, in the course of a broadcast address, said that an irreconcilable conflict had reached such intensity that it must be fought to a finish. In this declaration of the Administration's determination to go forward with its social and economic reforms Mr. Ickes affirms the recent statements of the Attorney-General, Mr. Cummings, and the Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. Jackson; but he is somewhat at variance with the more optimistic words of Mr. Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury. According to Mr. Ickes, what is now at stake in the United States is whether that country is to remain a democratically-governed community or to pass into an enslaved condition under the government of the sixty families. The reference to the sixty families is made because in a recently-published book it was computed that the control of capital in the United States rested in the hands of that group, and it was suggested that, if control continued to repose in those hands, the Roosevelt programme could not be implemented. The thesis which spokesmen for the President endeavour to uphold is that the financiers, the sixty families and their servitors, are willing, as were those who did battle with Andrew Jackson a century ago, to shake the State to its foundations to protect their pockets. The Secretary of the Treasury has been explaining, in a comforting way, that, "on the whole," recovery had been healthy. There were now no huge stocks, high interest rates, over-extended credit positions, or great surpluses of capital equipment, he explained, and went on to show how this was in sharp contrast with "the unhealthy excesses of 1929." The Administration is, apparently, in two minds about the problem which has to be solved, as well it may be. The United States is facing the major crisis of its economic and political history; its people have been shaken from the complacency with which they faced the world for more than half a century. Without previous experience of an economic crisis—except such affairs as the "break" of 1924—neither Government nor people is willing to attempt the drastic reconstruction which European countries often have been forced to accept.

However it is viewed, the American business slump cannot be accepted lightly. The fall in production during the past four months amounts to one-fifth of the previous total, and in that it is clearly equal to a major economic depression of the last century. The contrasting statements of American statesmen and economists gives plausibility to the thesis of American businessmen that the real author of the depression is President Roosevelt and his legislation. Neither bogy really works, the explanations are much too simple; there is just enough truth in each, however, to embitter the situation and exasperate the people. One of the most difficult factors to assess in the situation is the psychological effect of the tendencious utterances from either side. What is clear is that before confidence can be restored there will have to be considerable concessions made to the fears and feelings of big business. The President's message at the opening of Congress admitted as much, and the only acceptable explanation of speeches such as those of the Secretary for the Interior is that they are intended to frighten big business into a more receptive mood. The President has already gone some way towards conciliation of the public utility corporations, but delays in the Courts may postpone peace for many months. It was said, indeed, that Mr. Roosevelt was "on the run," and, with Congress restive and muddled, with the business section of the population angry, with labour divided, the outlines of a policy to counter the depression had not begun to emerge. The feeling is developing that the politicians are merely a broken reed, and, by playing upon this feeling, the financiers may achieve a decisive victory. A bewildered people, even 120 millions of people, may be induced to rally to the sixty families in despair. It is against that possibility that the warning words of Mr. Ickes are directed. In another few days Mr. Roosevelt must deliver to Congress a plan for economic reconstruction. What the plan may be nobody seems to know, as the President is beset by the necessity for tax reduction and a balanced Budget on the one hand, and for more generous treatment of the victims of the depression on the other. Without the assistance of the sixty families his proposals may be stillborn; with that assistance recovery may be gradual. On one interpretation Mr. Ickes may be held to be pleading for that support, but if he had used similar language in America a dozen years ago he would have gone to Sing-Sing.

The "T.T." Race

For some time past a movement has been on foot to re-establish the annual Tourist Trophy Race in Northern Ireland. It will be remembered that after the terrible accident in 1936, when eight persons were killed and many others were injured at Newtownards, the Down County Council decided that it never again would give permission for the closing of the roads on the famous Ards circuit, and that, consequently, the race which had been held in Ulster for several years was transferred last year to Derbyshire. A new course has been selected now in the neighbourhood of Belfast. It comprises part of the main Belfast-Antrim road, which is a concrete highway, is only about three miles from Castle Junction, and is believed by the experts to be capable of development into one of the fastest motor circuits in the world. Next week the Antrim County Council will consider the matter. If it gives its consent to the closing of the roads on the day of the race, the Royal Automobile Club probably will decide to return to Ulster, on condition that the Government of Northern Ireland provides the necessary financial assistance. There is no doubt that the "T.T." Race brought many benefits to the Northern province. Apart from the direct advantages of increased trade, the annual race attracted large numbers of cross-Channel visitors to the North, and the tourist traffic was increased substantially as a result. The Newtownards accident, of course, came as a terrible shock to the people of Northern Ireland, and it was only natural that there should be a sharp reaction against the whole idea of motor racing. On the other hand, few people realise how much the common or garden motorist owes to races of this type. For a reasonable sum a motor car can be bought to-day which can be driven with safety at fifty miles an hour without any undue expenditure of petrol or oil. Twenty, or even ten, years ago no such speed was possible, and, if it had not been for the racing motorists, the drivers of to-day still would be jogging along at a steady thirty. Possibly mankind would not have lost very much if the development of the internal combustion engine had not been so rapid; but that is not the point. If motorists want to drive their cars quickly, and, above all, in reasonable safety, tests such as that of the "T.T." Race are essential. Every one of them teaches the manufacturer something, and the combination of speed with safety is a direct result of such experiments.

A Happy Discovery

Chemists in the service of the Rhineland wine industry have solved one of the most urgent problems that are connected with the practice of eating; and they are oblivious to the benefit that they have bestowed upon mankind. Men of science notoriously are possessed of impractical minds. That which they hold to be the goal of their immediate researches occupies their whole being, to the exclusion of the other potentialities of their labours. Thus, these honest Rhineland chemists are rejoicing over their *coup* in extracting oil from grape skins and pips; and they do not realise that they have put the cart before the horse. The oil is a small matter beside the great and important fact that at last, after years of patient experiment, a proper vacuum has been created for the reception of the grape's remains. This vacuum has been the Eldorado of the hostess. In her time she has supplied small bowls with the dessert, which seemed to her, from her place at the top of the table, to be fitted so aptly and precisely to receive grape skins that no guest could overlook them. Yet no guest has ever got it. The trouble has lain in the essential uselessness of the skin and of the pip, and in the difficulties attendant upon the removal of these articles from the mouth. Take a guest who has put three grapes in his mouth at once—and we had better take him rather gently. There is a good deal of stuff which must be disposed of; for our guest is no ostrich. He may hold the hand, slightly cupped, in front of his face, and exhale. In the majority of cases there will be faulty cupping and ugly recovery work around the lap; sometimes there will be no power in the exhalation, and an actual insertion of the hand into the face will be needed; while in a happily rare, but nevertheless notable, number of instances there will be a turn of the head to the left or right, and a sharp explosive sound. Nobody, you see, is supposed to remove a body from the mouth which he has placed therein himself, and particularly if the body is anything so insignificant, so intrinsically neghgible as the skin of a grape or the pip. The ejection of a chicken leg will be countenanced, because it is a matter of ejection or death—and even then there will be aloof looks—but a guest with mere grape skins has no official standing. Things, however, will be different in the future. Basins will be issued with the inscription, "For the Oil Reserve," around their brim; and the guest who stocks his basin, however roughly, will be one with the dead heroes of the land.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Dublin District Court—10.30 a.m.
Children's Party—Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, 3 p.m.
Commercial Buildings Co. of Dublin Assembly—3 p.m.
Royal Dublin Society's Lecture—4 p.m. only.
Armstrong and Co. meeting.
Children's Party—British Legion Hall, Swords, 5 p.m.
British Legion (Irish Metropolitan and Women's Central Branches) Dance—Royal Hibernian Hotel, 9 p.m.
Gala Dance—Metropole Ballroom, 9 p.m.
Howth Motor Yacht Club—Dance in Portmarnock Hotel, 9 p.m.
Queen's County Hunt Mall—Stradbally Hall, 9 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Mother Goose."
Olympia Theatre — "Jack and the Beanstalk."
Abbey Theatre—"She Had To Do Something."
Gate Theatre — "The Drunkard! or The Fallen Saved!"
Metropole Cinema—"It's All Yours."
Grafton Cinema—"The Show Goes On."
Grand Central Cinema—"The Cotton Queen."
Theatre de Luxe—"Parole Racket" and "Speed to Spare."
Theatre Royal—"The Christmas Revel of 1937" and "New Faces of 1937."
Stephen's Green Cinema—"Said O'Reilly to McNab."
Corinthian Cinema—"Rhythm in the Clouds" and "Round Up Time in Texas."
Savoy Cinema—"A Star is Born."
Capitol Cinema—"Shall We Dance?"
Astor Cinema—"Top of the Town."
New Year's Eve Dance—Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

Stephens and Bourke's Winter Sale now proceeding at all branches.
The Mansfield Sisters' Winter Sale starts to-day. Genuine reductions.—28 Wicklow st.
Winter Sale of Millinery. Exceptional value.—M. Cathcart, 26 Dawson street.
Marjorie Boland's Sale begins on Monday, 3rd January, 1938. All Day and Evening Models, Coats and Costumes greatly reduced. Inspection invited at 86 Grafton st., Dublin.
Sharpleys, Specialists Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau St., Dublin.

COURT AND PERSONAL

His Majesty the King is looking over his farm at Sandringham these days. He has decided to be President of the Royal Agricultural Society in 1939.

The Queen is joining with Queen Mary for the presentation of an unusual wedding gift to Princess Frederica on her marriage to Prince Paul of Greece. The royal gift is to take the form of a white velvet quilt, made after the pattern of quilts worked by the miners' wives of Northumberland. It will be made at the Royal School of Needlework.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire had one of the largest family parties in England for Christmas at Chatsworth. It included Lord and Lady Charles Cavendish.

The American Minister (Mr. John Cudahy) gave a dinner party last week at the American Legation (Phœnix Park) to the officers of the Irish Army jumping team, returned from the States.

The Duc and Duchesse de Stacpoole are leaving Tobertynan, their seat in County Meath, next week to spend some time at Hazelwood, their place in Galway.

The eldest son of the Duc de Stacpoole is now 20, and is applying for a Commission in the Royal Ulster Rifles. Mr. Derek de Stacpoole, his brother, now 1t., who is in the Royal Marines, is leaving shortly for a cruise on the Iron Duke.

The Earl of Annesley is at present at Monte Carlo. The Hon. Evelyn and Mrs. Fitzgerald are also there. Lady Musgrave is on the Riviera. Mr. Eyveleton Rogers, the Irish tennis player, is playing tennis at Cannes.

The Officer Commanding and the officers of the Curragh General Military Hospital have issued invitations to their friends for a ball this evening. This is in aid of the Naas Harriers, and will be held at the Curragh General Military Hospital.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury have been spending a few days at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, on their return from Eastbourne.

The Countess of Fitzwilliam has left Wentworth, Woodhouse, Rotherham, for France, where she will remain for a fortnight.

The Duke of Buccleuch celebrated his forty-third birthday yesterday.

The Earl and Countess of Cork spent the Christmas holiday at Portsmouth, where they entertained a party at the Commander-in-Chief's house.

Lord and Lady Middleton have returned to Birdsall House, Yorkshire, from London.

Lord and Lady Kinnaird will return to London from Scotland next week.

Lady Cory returned to London from Eastbourne on Wednesday.

Lord and Lady Oranmore and Browne are in residence at Castle MacGarrett, Clare-morris, Co. Mayo, where they entertained a house party for Christmas.

Lady Perrott will return to London this week from Willey Park, Shropshire, where she has been on a visit to Lord and Lady Forester.

Viscount French was sixteen yesterday and Sir Victor Sassoon was fifty-six.

Lord and Lady Plender returned to London on Wednesday from Hove.

Captain and Lady Moira Lyttelton have left England for Malaya and Australia, and will be away for four months.

The Hon. Mrs. Douglas of Mains returned to London yesterday from Wales.

Major Dermot and Lady Helen McCalmont's Christmas house party at Mountjuliet, Thomastown, included:—Colonel Charteris, Major and Mrs. Mitchell, Miss O'Malley, Mr. D. Mitchell, Miss A. Mitchell, the Hon. R. Ruthven, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. R. Brooke, Mr. J. Brooks, Mr. T. Lambton, Miss P. Kennedy, Miss Sullivan, Miss A. Poë and Captain Charles Cameron.

The engagement is announced between Kendal Cartwright Dixon, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, second son of Professor H. H. Dixon, F.R.S., and Mrs. Dixon, Somerset, Temple road, Dublin, and Annette Sybil, third daughter of the late Frederick D. Darley, of Ferney, Stillorgan, and Mrs. Darley, Burleigh House, Burlington road, Dublin.

The engagement is announced between Douglas Richmond, younger son of the late Mr. J. B. Bell and of Mrs. Bell, Kazlova, Broadway, Letchworth, and Olga Patience, of 19 Boundary road, London, N.W.8, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Telford.

The engagement is announced between Thomas Chatterton, second son of the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Hammond, of Sydney, Australia (formerly of Dublin), and Joan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cruse, of 23 Riggindale road, Streatham.

Surgeon Meade has left town for two weeks.

Dr. Kevin Maughan has left 27 Harcourt street for two weeks.

Dr. Leonard Abrahamson has returned to 40 Fitzwilliam place.

The Kildare Hunt Ball will be held at Bishopscourt, Straffan (by kind permission of Mrs. Edward Kennedy), on Wednesday, April 27th, 1938 (Punchestown Week).

Something quite new in Corsetry—"Silhouette Radiante"—the radio-active Corset, which stimulates, rejuvenates and slenderises, is now available at Switzers, Grafton street. An illustrated leaflet can be had on rquest.
Holmes', George's street—Annual Winter Sale now proceeding.
Power and Slattery are commencing their Winter Sale to-day: all Coats, Frocks, Suits and Hats greatly reduced at 17 Dawson st.
The attractive Model Clover Velvet Two-Piece Suit with Hat to tone, worn by Miss Rhona Gargan at her wedding; also smart Suit under Sable Squirrel Coat worn going away and Complete Trousseau were by Femina, 9 Wicklow street.
The smart Lemogue Boucle and Gold Suit with matching Hat, worn by Miss Winnie Gargan at her sister's wedding, by Femina.
The Model Lido Boucle Suit worn by Mrs. Gargan on the occasion of her daughter's wedding, also by Femina.
The lovely White Lace Gown, cut on simple lines, with long train embroidered with satin, worn by Miss S. Isaacson on the occasion of her wedding on 27th inst.—by Femina, 9 Wicklow street, Dublin.
Paul, 12 Wicklow street—Exceptional Sale of Long Coats, Fur-trimmed and without; Tailor-mades, Cardigan Suits, at reduced prices.
Slyne's Sale. Day and Evening Models at enormously reduced prices.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Among the arrivals were:—Dr. and Mrs. Abrahamson, Miss B. Abrahamson, Master L. Abrahamson, Mirian and Nancy de Vinci, Mr. and Mrs. William Black, Mr. H. Clarke, Thomas Bodkin, J. Scanlon, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. P. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, C. N. Dagg, Major T. C. Goff, Mrs. F. E. de Vaux.
Among the departures were:—C. M. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dillon Leetch, Bernard Sweeney, Dr. B. O'Carroll, Mrs. O'Carroll, Dr. P. A. O'Callaghan, Dr. Joly Dixon, Dr. R. Taylor, Mr. J. Malley, Mrs. Kennedy.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.
Among the arrivals were:—Dr. Dooley, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Miss Wood, Mr. J. Loyd, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. F. H. Ellis, Mr. H. Shaw, Mr. C. E. Tuddenham, Miss Dempsey, Mr. G. Conroy, Miss Baxter, Mr. J. W. Muirhead, Mr. B. O'Toole, Miss F. E. Kenny, Mrs. O'Dowd, Dr. Dickinson, Mr. R. L. Williams, Dr. N. J. Smith, Mr. J. V. O'Keefe, Mr. C. W. Newmark, Mr. de Monchaux, Dr. Leventaal, Mrs. Buckley, Miss Quirke, Miss Frost, Mr. J. Callaghan, Mr. E. N. Reid, Mr. W. Stephenson, Mr. C. Weatherley, Mr. C. Roberts, Miss M. Rice, Mr. O'Flaherty, Mr. T. G. Naismith, Miss O'Connor, Mr. J. M. McCredy, Miss C. Landers, Mr. B. Lee, Mr. L. Easwood, Mr. H. Capel, Miss M. Chesneys, Miss Dunlea, Mr. Kidston, Mr. W. Grater, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. L. B. Christian, Mrs. Citron.
Among the departures were:—Hon. Mrs. Martin, Major Cecil Wilkins, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander A. J. Burden, Mr. L. Hartley, Dr. A. E. Connolly, Major J. F. Plunkett, Mr. A. C. Sibthorpe, Mr. M. P. Gaymer, Mr. P. J. P. Stephens, Mr. F. H. Townend, Mr. John F. Newberry, Mr. A. Munro, Miss McDowell, Mr. F. Thomlinson, Mr. C. Still, Captain L. R. H. Keating, Mr. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. M. Lynch, Miss M. Hallahan, Miss M. C. Gill, Mr. Steetman, Mr. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. M. Crawford, Miss A. Lyons, Mrs. D. A. Buchan, Dr. and Mrs. T. Donnelly, Miss Reid, Mr. W. Bell, Dr. K. Murison, Dr. John Murphy, Mr. Vaux, Dr. Gilchrist, Mrs. M. Lansley, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Spaven, Mr. Berger, Mr. Shaw.

LONDON LETTER

SITUATION UNCHANGED

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

THE British Government's statement regarding its relations with Eire satisfies most people who previously objected to the situation, and little was heard to-day about the new Constitution, or its effect on British policy. Unionists appear to be completely satisfied by the emphatic declaration that Northern Ireland is to remain untouched no matter what may happen in the South, and this assurance will probably please Lord Craigavon and his advisers, as it is so definite. The London evening papers ignore the matter altogether, and this may be taken as an indication of the feeling here. It is generally agreed that nothing has been changed with the Constitution, and that the new Eire remains the old Irish Free State, still needing the help and protection of Great Britain.

False Alarm

I have been given to understand that while it is correct that Mr. J. P. Walshe, of the Department of External Affairs, is in London, his mission is

PREPARING FOR THE NEW SENATE

First Official Steps Taken By Minister

THE NOMINATIONS TO PANELS

Closing and Polling Dates Fixed

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOLLOWING the coming into operation of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act the first official steps have now been taken.

The Acting Minister for Local Government has appointed Mr. Wilfrid Brown, of the Department of Local Government, to be Seanad Returning Officer for the purposes of this Act.

The following dates have been fixed:—

Last day for receiving nominations to panels from nominating bodies—26th February, at 12 o'clock noon.

Last day for nominations to the panels by members of Dail Eireann—2nd March, at 4.30 p.m.

Last date for receiving ex-officio nominations to the Administrative Panel—4th March, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Returning Officer shall sit at Room 103, Leinster House, for completion of the Panels—7th March.

Ballot papers shall be posted to electors—15th March.

The poll shall be closed—28th March, at 11 o'clock.

The address of the Returning Officer, to which application for registration, nomination papers and other communications may be sent to him, shall be Room 103, Leinster House, Dublin.

The Minister for Local Government has made an Order fixing these dates under Section 6 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act. The Order is signed by Mr. Gerald Boland, who is acting as agent for Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, the Minister, who is absent from Dublin on holiday in Rome.

The next step to be taken is the formation of the register of nominating bodies. The Seanad Returning Officer will publish in the newspapers, probably tomorrow, a notice intimating that the register is being prepared, and informing persons interested as to the steps to be taken. Between the 24th January and the 5th February the Returning Officer will examine all applications for registration, and in his discretion allow or disallow any application. Not later than 5th February the Returning Officer shall send to each applicant body, whether its claim has been allowed or disallowed, a copy of the register as prepared by him. On application to him bodies which have been disallowed will be informed of the reasons for the disallowance. Allowance or disallowance will be subject to appeal.

It will be the duty of the Dail not later than the fifth day after it shall have sat, to appoint an Appeal Committee of fifteen members of that body. This Committee will be elected on proportional representation.

RULINGS ON APPEALS

Appeals must be sent to the Clerk of Dail Eireann not later than 11th February. All appeals must be considered and ruled upon before the 22nd February, that is four days before the last day for receiving nominations for the panels. No decision of the Returning Officer shall be reversed unless nine members of the Committee vote in favour of the reversal. If by any chance the Committee has not ruled on any of the appeals within the time stipulated the Returning Officer's decision shall be considered as having effect. If no appeal is made the Clerk of the Dail shall so inform the Returning Officer and the latter official shall thereupon publish in the *Iris Oifigiuil* the register as prepared by him. In case of appeals being substantiated the Returning Officer shall take notice accordingly and publish the list as amended.

With regard to nominations to the panels by members of the Dail, the Act provides that any two members may make a nomination of one person to the panels, but no individual deputy may nominate more than one. Deputy's nominations must be made not later than March 2.

COMPLETING THE PANELS

Ex-officio nominations to the Administrative Panel must be made not later than March 4. The Act provides that such nominations may be made by the Taoiseach for the time being, or any former President of the Executive Council to the number not exceeding two.

The date for the completion of the panels is March 7. On this occasion the Returning Officer shall examine the nomination papers as to their validity or otherwise and rule accordingly. He will delete duplicate entries and shall give preference to a nominating body as against any other nomination.

The ballot papers to be issued on March 15 will contain the names and descriptions of candidates, and the panel or subpanel in respect of which candidates are named. These will be sent to the members of the electoral body, which will consist of the 138 members of the Dail and the 217 members chosen by the county and borough councils—355 in all. These papers will be returned not later than March 28.

The Constitution provides in its transitory provisions that the first Senate must assemble not later than 180 days after the coming into operation of the Constitution, but the intention is that it will be in a position to function at an earlier date.

THE RETURNING OFFICER

Mr. Wilfrid Brown, who has been appointed Returning Officer for the Senate elections, is a member of the staff of the Department of Local Government, and has had charge of the various elections in the past both for the Senate and the Dail, as well as for the Local Government bodies.

SEQUEL TO £20,000 JEWEL THEFT

The two women who were taken from Liverpool to London on Wednesday night were, after being detained at Vine Street Police Station all day, charged last night with receiving jewellery valued at £20,000, stolen from the flat of Mrs. Heaketh-Wright at Alford House, Park Lane, W. They will appear to-day at Bow street.

The women were charged in the names of Sarah Kornbluth and Jessie Rubin.

A man is awaiting trial at the Old Bailey on a charge of being concerned in the robbery.

£815,000,000 Holdings

Exchange Equalisation Account

The holdings of the British exchange equalisation account total about £815,000,000.

This is disclosed in a statement issued by the Treasury last night, which says that in June the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the Treasury would publish officially the statement every six months regarding the holdings of the exchange equalisation account.

Following this the Treasury now announce that on September 30 last the gold holding in the account was 39,854,000 fine ounces, and that in the issue department of the Bank of England was 76,843,000 fine ounces, a total of 116,697,000 fine ounces, which, at £7 an ounce, would represent in round figures £815,000,000.

On September 30 the account did not hold more than a "trifling amount" of foreign currency.

The exchange equalisation fund was established in 1932 with an initial sum of £150,000,000. Its purpose was to keep sterling in its natural commercial relationship with other countries undisturbed by seasonal or speculative aberations.

In the following year the fund was increased to £350,000,000, and in July this year a further Act was passed raising the amount to £550,000,000.

PARIS STRIKE SETTLED

CITY TO PAY EXTRA £140,000 A YEAR

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

The strike of 100,000 employés in Paris municipal undertakings, which caused complete stoppage of omnibuses, underground trains and tramways yesterday, was settled early to-day on terms which are claimed to amount to a complete victory for the workers.

According to the union's statement the Cabinet conceded the full amount of the cost of living claimed by the workers—namely, 100 francs (14s.) a month. The Municipality had offered 50 francs, with retrospective effect as from October 1. In addition, a comparatively small number of workers will receive a "residence allowance" of 20 francs a month.

The sole statement available from the Government side is the declaration by a Government spokesman that M. Chautemps, the Prime Minister, had not made any promises, since he had refused to see the strikers before work was resumed.

If reliable circles can be trusted, the extra 100 francs a month claimed, and now alleged to have been conceded, had already been promised by M. Dormoy, Minister of the Interior, to the municipal workers before the strike broke out.

The increase will cost the City of Paris and the Department of the Seine an extra 22,000,000 francs (about £140,000) a year, of which the City Council will bear 95 per cent. and the Department 5 per cent.

The *communiqué* issued by the striking unions stated that a meeting was being called "to study particularly the measures to be taken to bring to an end the scandalous use of Army lorries, which have been put into service to break the strike."

Workers in the goods transport undertakings are still on strike.

FAMOUS BAZAAR QUARTER BURNED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Thursday.

The famous Bazaar quarter of Sarajevo, Southern Yugoslavia, which is over 400 years old, was practically destroyed in a big fire.

DOMINION PRESS AND EIRE

CONSTITUTION'S TACTLESS CLAIM

MAKING REUNION MORE DIFFICULT

THE SAFEST FUTURE FOR IRELAND

SOUTH African Press comments on the new Constitution are outspoken. One newspaper says that the dropping, theoretically, of the Free State from the British Commonwealth created as much public excitement as would the dropping of a pin on the floor.

Government officials in Canada state that Canada joins with the other Dominions in adopting the British attitude, as set out in the official statement from London on Wednesday night.

THE WORD "REPUBLIC"

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CAPETOWN, Thursday.

Commenting on the new Irish Constitution, the *Cape Argus* says: It is significant that Mr. de Valera will not bring himself to use the term "Republic." The reason is plain, it says, Mr. de Valera, though he dare not say so, knows that the safest and sanest future for Ireland lies in its position as a contented Dominion sharing the British Crown.

The *Daily News*, of Durban, remarks: "Yesterday the Irish Free State dropped (theoretically) out of the British Commonwealth of Nations with about as much public excitement as would be caused by dropping a pin on the floor."

According to the Johannesburg *Star*, the new Constitution provides the paradox of a republic voluntarily associated with Great Britain and the Dominions, whose ceremonial apex is the King.

THE PATH TO UNITY

After describing as tactless the claim of the Constitution to the whole of Ireland, the *Star* says that no realist can suppose that the new Constitution has made reunion easier or earlier.

The *Cape Times* says that the official statement issued by the British Government seems to deal adequately with a very difficult position. "No crisis has been precipitated, and Mr. de Valera himself has skilfully avoided precipitating one," says the editorial.

The paper adds that Mr. de Valera had the wisdom to hesitate on the brink of the precipice, and not to take the final plunge into republican waters.

CANADA'S ATTITUDE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

OTTAWA, Thursday.

Officials of the Department of External Affairs here reaffirmed that Canada joined with the other Dominions in adopting the United Kingdom's attitude, explained in the official statement.

Although considerable space has been given in the columns of newspapers here to the British Government's statement on the new Irish Constitution, the country as a whole has shown little excitement over the news.

Relief is felt, however, that Ireland's bond within the Commonwealth is still intact.

The *Montreal Gazette* says:—"The experience of the past fifteen years has justified the belief that Southern Ireland can be left to work out her own problems in her own way, without any apprehension that the tie which bound the Irish Free State to the Commonwealth will be severed by the State of Ireland.

"Whatever delight may find expression abroad on the assumption that the new State in Ireland portends a decaying empire can be disregarded. Such delight will be as empty as space."

WIRES CUT NEAR MULLINGAR

ON NIGHT OF MR. DE VALERA'S BROADCAST

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

MULLINGAR, Thursday.

Six wires, three telegraph and three telephone, were cut at Saunderson's Bridge, Mullingar, on Wednesday night, in an effort, it is believed, to intercept Mr. de Valera's statement on the new Constitution from Radio Athlone.

It is also believed that the arrival of Civic Guards patrolling that stretch of road prevented the cutting of all the wires.

Investigations are being carried out, but up to a late hour there had been no arrests.

BLACK FLAG NEAR CASHEL

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CASHEL, Thursday.

On Constitution Day a large, black flag floated from the ball alley at Rosegreen, about four miles from here.

Rosegreen was the headquarters of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade of the Republican Army during the "Black and Tan" days.

FOUR KILLED IN ROAD CRASH

DIRECTOR OF FAMOUS COMPANY A VICTIM

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MONTARGIS, FRANCE, Thursday.

M. Pierre Michelin, 35-year-old joint managing director of the famous French tyre firm, has died in hospital here of injuries received in a head-on collision in which three others—a married couple and their son—were killed.

The occupants of the other car were A. M. Lagorgette, private secretary to M. Paul Faure, Minister Without Portfolio in the French Government, together with his wife and son. All three were killed when the cars, travelling at high speed, came into collision on a road near here.

M. Michelin was a director of the reorganised company which saved the Citroen Motor Works when they were threatened with closing down. He was the son of M. Edouard Michelin, who, with his brother Andre, founded the Michelin Flying Cup in 1906, when the trophy was won by Wilbur Wright. M. Pierre Michelin's brother Etienne was killed in a flying accident.

James Allan Kehoe, aged four, son of Mr. Richard Kehoe, of Park road, Twickenham, died on Wednesday from the effects of drinking a glassful of rum. The little boy had apparently got hold of the rum on the table when left alone, and had drunk a glassful from the bottle. He died about six hours later.

THE CABINET DISMISSED

EGYPTIAN KING'S SWIFT STROKE

A NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED

FORMER EXILE NOW PREMIER

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD King Farouk of Egypt yesterday dismissed his 61-year-old Premier, Nahas Pasha, and his Cabinet, and initiated a complete change of Government policy.

The Government was dismissed early in the morning by a letter brought by special messenger from the Palace, and by evening a new Premier, Mahmoud Pasha, had formed a Cabinet and was already at work.

The new Premier's first act was to disarm and disband all coloured shirt

KING FAROUK OF EGYPT.

bodies, and orders to this effect were being carried out all over Egypt yesterday.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CAIRO, Thursday.

One of the points understood to have been in dispute between the dismissed Ministry and the Palace was the continued existence of the Blue Shirt organisation of the Nationalists. There is also a Green Shirt organisation run by one of the opposition groups.

The students of Al Azhar University, the great Mohammedan foundation, left their classes to-day in order to demonstrate their satisfaction at the dismissal of Nahas Pasha.

The new Premier, who is the founder of the Liberal Constitutional Party, declared to-day that it was his intention to act constitutionally, to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards his opponents, to guarantee good administration, and to render justice all round.

The new Cabinet comprises experienced politicians and administrators, including former Premiers and former Ministers. It includes:—Foreign Affairs, Abdel Fattah Yehia Pasha, ex-Premier; Finance, Ismail Sidky Pasha, Premier 1930-'33, and delegate to the London Treaty negotiations last year; Communications, Hassan Sabry Pasha, former Minister in London; Public Works, Hussein Sirry Pasha, Under-Secretary of Public Works in the last Government; War, General Hussein Rifky Pasha, Chief A.D.C. to the King. It is noted here that Dr. Ahmed Maher, who was spoken of as a possible Premier, is not in the new Cabinet. He will, however, it is understood, support Mahmoud Pasha's Government.

THE KING'S LETTER

King Farouk's letter dismissing Nahas Pasha criticised the Government in strong terms. It said: "In view of accumulated proofs, which show that our people no longer support the manner in which the Ministry is governing the country, and that the people blame the Government's opposition to the spirit of the Constitution and the Government's nonrespect of, and failure to protect, general liberty; and in view of the impossibility of finding a way of improving matters through your Ministry, the dismissal of the Government is unavoidable in order to pave the way for the establishment of a good Government, based on the nation's opinions, a Government which can help to establish tranquillity and good-will, and which can direct the country's policy for the best during the critical circumstances through which the country is passing and fulfil our great hopes for the country's progress and dignity. I thank you and your colleagues for your services to the country."

The letter, which was described in Government circles as a "direct frontal attack from the Palace," came as a surprise, for even early this morning the Government believed that their dismissal might be avoided.

Mahmoud Pasha was educated at Oxford, where he rowed for his College. After his return to Egypt he was appointed to various administrative posts and eventually promoted to be Governor of Fayum province. He entertained King George V. when he passed through the Suez Canal on his way out to India in 1911.

EXILED BY BRITISH

For his part in the independence movement he was exiled to Malta by the British authorities in 1919, but on visiting London nine years later he was made a G.C.M.G., while Oxford University bestowed on him the honorary degree of D.C.L.

One point of difference between the King and the Cabinet concerned an appointment to the Senate. The Cabinet nominated one of its own supporters for the vacant position and ignored a list of eminent Egyptians submitted by the King. Another cause of difficulty arose from King Farouk's hesitancy in signing certain decrees submitted by the Government, as doubts as to their constitutionality were said to be held by the Palace advisers.

Finally King Farouk proposed the appointment of a commission to study the differences between Palace and Government, but Nahas Pasha, while accepting the principle of arbitration yesterday protested against the composition of the commission as proposed by the King and made three counter-proposals. The dismissal of the Ministry followed.

The event has passed off quietly all over the country.

The new Premier in his letter giving the names of the new Ministers assures King Farouk that the Government will commence its work in an atmosphere of excellent relations with foreign Powers, especially with Egypt's ally, England, and will do its utmost to carry out the treaty.

The Bulgarian Government has forbidden Jews and other refugees from Rumania to enter Bulgaria.—(Reuter

THE DEFENCE OF HANKOW

ARMY OF WOMEN TO HELP

TSINGTAO TO BE DESTROYED

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE CHRISTIAN MURDERED

CHINESE circles are anxiously waiting to know "the real meaning" of the statement made at Shanghai yesterday by General Matsui, that Japan has no territorial ambitions in China. They declare that China will be glad to stop the war if peace can be achieved honourably without loss of her territorial and administrative integrity, but they emphasise that no settlement is possible except on this basis.

HANKOW, Thursday.

General Chiang Kai Shek has ordered 800 steel-cased concrete blockhouses to be built to make the approaches to Hankow impregnable, says the Press Association Correspondent in Hankow.

According to Chinese reports they will be equipped with anti-aircraft guns, heavy machine-guns and trench mortars. The blockhouses will have cellars for the storage of food and ammunition, and will each house about 80 men.

According to Chinese dispatches an army of well-trained women fighters from Kwangsi has joined the 8th Route Army, an ex-Communist army in Shansi, in fighting against the Japanese.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

HANKOW, Thursday.

The "last train from Hankow" left here for Hong Kong this morning. It carried 55 men, 130 women and 128 children of ten nationalities, including 63 Britons and 167 Americans. National flags were spread along the whole length of the thirteen coaches.

FLIGHT AND RUIN

TSINGTAO, Thursday.

All last night explosions went on as the Chinese continued to blow up Japanese property, including a brewery, warehouses and dye-factory. They also destroyed the Chinese dry docks and repair shops.

A big fire, visible all through the city, raged on the water front all the night, and the Chinese authorities also announce that they intend to blow up the new superelectric power plant in Tsingtao's industrial area, and stated that they also intend to blow up the railway station, the Chinese Mayor's beautiful office building, Japanese banks, the Japanese Consulate and the Japanese Town Hall.

The exodus of frightened Chinese, fearing possible Japanese vengeance, has been accelerated and they are now streaming out into the interior in unending thousands, some on foot, others on carts, bicycles, wheel-barrows and every possible form of transport available.

A foreign volunteer corps, commanded by a Briton, Mr. A. R. Hogg, has been formed. The corps, whose members are armed only with sticks, includes 135 Britons, 51 Germans, and 150 Russians. Americans have not been allowed to join, apparently in order to avoid the possibility of incidents.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MURDERED

SHANGHAI, Thursday.

Mr. Lo Peh-Long, chairman of the Standing Committee of the newly-formed Civic Association, which had been created to help in restoring the Chinese areas round Shanghai, was shot down on leaving a friend's house in the French Concession this morning, and died two hours later. The assassin escaped.

Mr. Lo was regarded as one of the most outstanding Roman Catholic laymen in the world. He founded the Catholic Action Society of China, and had also collected very large sums of money for the charity known as the St. Vincent de Paul of China, and described himself as "the world's greatest beggar." He was a member of the Legion of Honour, Knight Commander of St. Leopold, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory, a Papal Chamberlain, and Knight of the Cape and Sword.

Many Chinese regarded him and other members of the new Civic Association as traitors, since their work necessarily entailed co-operation with the Japanese.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

The Japanese authorities, according to Reuter, officially announced yesterday that Hungjao and other Japanese occupied western suburbs of Shanghai will be reopened to both Chinese and foreigners today.

AIR RAID ON CANTON

FROM PRESS ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENT.

CANTON, Thursday.

Whampoa, Fatshan, and other neighbouring points to-day experienced the fiercest raid for several weeks. Thirty Japanese 'planes took part in it. Three fires were started near Saichuen, a few miles north of the Anglo-French concession of Shameen.

Two schools were wrecked, and several small buildings near-by were mere heaps of bricks, and rubbish fields were scarred with bomb-craters.

The Japanese objectives were apparently the arsenal or several industrial buildings situated in the district.

The casualties were not above twenty all told.

ILLEGAL DRILLING IN BELFAST

FIVE MEN SENT TO PRISON

Secret drilling in Milltown Cemetery, Belfast, on 12th December last, was alleged against several men who appeared in Belfast Police Court yesterday.

Daniel O'Doherty, of Sheriff street; Alexander McAtamney, of Fleet street; John O'Connor, of Nelson street; John Campbell, of Jamaica street; and Henry White, of Anderstown Park, were sentenced to six months' hard labour for illegal drilling and for behaving in a manner calculated to promote the objects of an unlawful association.

Felix Kelly, of Chemical street, Belfast, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for being in possession of illegal documents, and Denis Whelan, of Bridge End, to twelve months' imprisonment for a similar offence.

Patrick Ferran, of Parkview street, and Daniel McAllister, of Lincoln street, were sentenced to one month's imprisonment for being in possession of an illegal small green flag bearing the words "Join the Fianna."

INDICTMENT OF BIG BUSINESS

Mr. Ickes's Warning to the Sixty Families

Conflict to be Fought to a Finish

A WARNING that the power of concentrated wealth "must be compelled to conform with our laws" was made by Mr. Harold Ickes, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, in a broadcast yesterday.

Mr. Ickes was continuing the Administration's current attack on the alleged monopolistic practices of big business.

"An irreconcilable conflict," he said, "between the power of money and the power of democratic instinct has reached such intensity in recent months" that it is clear that "it must be fought to a finish—until plutocracy or democracy, until America's sixty families or America's 120 million people, win."

This was the third attack in two days by members of the Administration, and it is feared that it may foreshadow yet another in President Roosevelt's message to Congress on Monday.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Ickes, having declared that the issue between big business and democracy is now knit, said: "To the 120,000,000 people of the United States the sixty families have made the threat that, unless they are free to speculate, free of regulations—unless they are free to dominate the rest of us without restrictions on their financial and economic power—then the United States is to have its first general sit-down strike—not of labour, not of the American people, but of the sixty families, and of the capital created by the whole American people, of which the sixty families have obtained control.

"THIS BLUFF"

"If the American people call this bluff, then the America that is to be will be a democratic America, a free America.

"If the American people yield to this bluff, then the America that is to be will be a big-business-Fascist America, an enslaved America."

Mr. Ickes then called attention to the recent Labour Board decision against Mr. Henry Ford, stating that the Board charges Henry Ford with what amounts to a refusal to comply with a duly-enacted statute. He called upon business to purge itself of "its Fords, its Girdlers and its Rands" before presuming to advise what to do about the trouble caused by the Labour laws.

[Mr. Girdler is President of the Republic Steel Corporation, and led the opposition to the steel strike. Mr. Rand is President of Remington Rand, and has been accused, though acquitted, of unfair strike-breaking activities.]

MR. FORD ATTACKED

Mr. Ickes further accused Mr. Ford of running "the gamut from secret sabotaging to open defiance in his contemptuous disregard" of the people's mandate, and declared that he was thus "not entitled to the respect of decent law-abiding citizens."

Mr. Ickes alleged that since last spring, when the Government abandoned its economic initiative on pleas of private enterprise, the sixty families had proved that they "have learned nothing and forgotten nothing since 1929 about the management of business under modern conditions."

He concluded by attributing the blame for current conditions to "the fundamental unwillingness of certain outmoded leaders of private enterprise to play the Democratic game."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While these attacks on alleged monopolistic tendencies in big business continue, President Roosevelt's Message at the opening of Congress next Monday is being eagerly awaited.

Many business men anticipate another bitter pill, but Washington observers, on the contrary, believe that the President will prove much more gentle than the Ministerial speeches. It is believed that Mr. Roosevelt has not yet definitely decided on the fundamental question of whether in the future to deal gently or firmly with business.

Some circles have been suggesting that the President will make a bid for public confidence, basing his effort on the contention that the business recession is largely psychological. Administration quarters, however, indicate that he will insist on his legislative programme, with which Congress made little progress in the recent special session, but that no new "reforms" are to be proposed.

Meanwhile Administration attacks on business are expected to continue with Administration approval, in the hope of spurring certain groups of "irreconcilables" into more co-operative efforts towards recovery, and at the same time of strengthening the position of the Administration in the eyes of the public.

In a speech to-day at Louisville, Kentucky, Senator Barclay, leader of the Democratic majority, said that Congress would give immediate attention to business monopolies when it meets on Monday.

Strange Broadcast Interruption

"Sound Like a Scuffle," and Slamming of a Door

A sound like that of a scuffle and a short breaking into the middle of the B.B.C.'s 10 o'clock news summary last night mystified thousands of listeners.

It was followed by an apology from the announcer, who explained that there had been "a slight mishap in the studio."

The announcer had given the weather forecast, and announced that the news summary would be followed by a talk by Major-General C. G. Liddell when the interruption occurred.

Listeners heard what appeared to be an argument between a number of men, sounds of a scuffle, a shout of "Oi," a gurgling sound, the slamming of a door, and the clatter of feet. . . . . Then silence. Meanwhile the announcer had stopped his news summary.

After a delay of nearly three minutes the announcer approached the microphone and said: "I must apologise for the break after the news summary had been announced. There was a slight mishap in the studio, but everything is all right now." He then proceeded to read his news summary.

The following statement was issued later: "The B.B.C. regret that owing to a technical error a studio was faded up earlier than intended, with the result that for a few moments at the beginning of the Regional news at 10 o'clock listeners overheard a private conversation."

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

THE JAPANESE REPLY

The Times in a leading article says:—There is nothing unexpected about the Japanese reply to the British Government's protest concerning the shelling and machine-gunning of H.M.S. Ladybird and other British ships in the Yangtze on December 12. The document does not differ in tone or in intention from that delivered in Washington on Christmas Eve. A profound apology is offered, the incidents are explained—with the help of a "thick fog or haze" which appears from other accounts to have been present only in the minds of the Japanese military—as so many regrettable mistakes, and previous assurances that British rights and interests will be protected are repeated with the same note of deep sincerity which characterised their earlier and vain expression.

Immediately the Note had been handed to the British Ambassador in Tokyo for transmission, and before it was in the hands of his Government, the Japanese service departments made public their own version of the Yangtze incidents. They did this without notifying Sir Robert Craigie, although the text of the Note contains an explicit reference to the militarists' "explanations." These are at several important points wholly incompatible with the facts, as reported to the British Government by the Commanders of the vessels which were attacked, and their tone is in places objectionable. Even if this were not the case, the diplomatic procedure which the Japanese army and navy saw fit to improvise on this occasion does not correspond to any of the recognised methods in use between Governments.

There is a certain irony and, perhaps, a certain significance in the incident. The Japanese Government give far-reaching assurances for the future correct behaviour of their fighting services towards Great Britain, and before the words are out of their mouths the fighting services are guilty of grave discourtesy towards the British Ambassador and the British Government. Nothing of all this will improve the atmosphere in which the Cabinet are considering the contents of the Note. But the guarantees it offers are—on paper at any rate—impressive, and, whatever doubts there must be about undertakings offered by a State that has seemed to be only fitfully in control of its subordinates, no one will complain if the British Government, as seems more than likely, decides to accept them for the moment and to await events.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

Cloudy. Occasional light rain.

See also Page 6.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU

SEVENTY-FIVE CASUALTIES

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

LIMA (PERU), Thursday.

At least 25 persons are known to have been killed and 50 injured in an earthquake in the Oxapampa Valley, in the Eastern Andes.

During the last two days 200 shocks, accompanied by a terrible electric storm have been reported. It is believed that a giant meteor may have fallen in the vicinity. The full extent of the damage caused is becoming known as rescuers make their way over the only road to the remote German and Austrian settlement in the Eastern Andes, 50 miles from Perene River colony of the Peruvian Corporation.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT'S 6,000 CASUALTIES

A communiqué issued at Salamanca, and received by Reuter in London, claims that, as the result of an attack yesterday by insurgent forces to the west of Teruel, the Government troops were routed with 6,000 casualties.

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IRELAND AND CO-OPERATION

FREE TO CHOOSE ANY INSTRUMENT

MR. LITTLE'S MESSAGE ON CONSTITUTION

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WATERFORD, Thursday.

"EVEN with regard to partition, let it be kept clearly in view that the loss of part of one province does not impair the sovereignty of the nation When France lost Alsace-Lorraine, no Frenchman and no Government in France would admit for one moment that there was loss of international status or that France was a subordinate State to Germany. Why should we allow opponents to impose upon the Irish national inferiority?" states an extract from a message to the people of Waterford by Mr. P. J. Little, C.D., Parliamentary Secretary to An Taoiseach, in which he extols the new Constitution.

Every taunt about partition, Mr. Little states, will only make the Irish more ardent in their heart to help to win back the lost counties in the North. Nothing has done more towards the achievement of that national claim that the establishment of the new Constitution. He added that the people realise that the Constitution is fundamentally Irish. All reference to the King as part of the Constitution has been eliminated, and it is fundamentally untrue to say that the King of England is in any way whatsoever part of the Constitution.

"BLOODLESS REVOLUTION"

Mr. Little asserts that a really free State has been established and that the Constitution enshrines the principles of national freedom for which so many great Irishmen struggled, fought and fell. He goes on to say that this may be regarded as a bloodless revolution, now in its latest phase; but it is only the continuation of national effort, and is a crowning part of one of the greatest struggles that any nation has made for freedom. It was due to the people's desire for freedom that it had been possible to carry on the struggle so far, and only upon their cherishing those principles would depend the strength and progress of the nation. In the future if they chose to be associated with a certain group of nations, and for that purpose adopted a certain organ or instrument as "The symbol of co-operation," they did so by ordinary law, and were in no way bound by the terms of the Constitution. They were, rather, freed by the Constitution to choose their own course, as their national dignity and interest dictated from time to time. They were no less free than any nation which adopted the organ or instrument of the League of Nations. Many nations, small and large, adopted that organ, and regarded it as the exercise of their sovereign right. Some rejected it because for practical purposes they preferred to do so.

Under the new Constitution, Mr. Little said, they could do the same, both in respect to the League and the Commonwealth, at any time they chose, without changing one word of the Constitution. None but those who were blinded by their own wishes to think they were not free would deny those facts. They could not abolish the giraffe by saying, as an incredulous man once said when faced by one, "I don't believe it." By the enactment of the Constitution the harvest of many years of struggle by heroic generations of soldiers and people was reaped.

Mr. Little concluded his message with the words: "The nation marches on."

JUDGES MAKE THE DECLARATION

ONE JUDGE SPEAKS IN IRISH

Four judges of the Supreme Court—Mr. Justice FitzGibbon, Mr. Justice Murnaghan, Mr. Justice Meredith, and Mr. Justice Geoghegan; and two judges of the High Court—Mr. Justice O'Byrne and Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy—made and signed the declaration required of them under Article 34 of the Constitution, in the presence of the Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court, Dublin, yesterday.

The Chief Justice had made the declaration in the presence of Mr. de Valera at Government Buildings the previous day, and later on the same day the President of the High Court complied with the requirement in the presence of the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Johnston and Mr. Justice Hanna, who are away from Dublin, have yet to make the declaration, and will do so before the beginning of the next law term.

Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy spoke entirely in the Irish language when making the declaration.

The Chief Justice witnessed the signatures of the judges to the document on which the declaration was printed.

The declaration was in the following terms:—"In the presence of Almighty God, I, ... do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my knowledge and power, execute the office of Judge of the Supreme Court (or Judge of the High Court, as the case may be) without fear or favour, affection or ill-will towards any man, and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.

"May God direct and sustain me."

The proceedings, which occupied ten minutes, were witnessed by a small number of interested people, including Mrs. Fitz-Gibbon, Mrs. Meredith, and the two little daughters of Mr. Justice O'Byrne.

LEASEHOLDERS' ORGANISATION

INCOMES OF GROUND LANDLORDS

At a meeting of the Dublin Executive of the United National Leaseholders' Organisation, held last night, the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Mullen, said that they appreciated the assistance given them by the Press in their attempts to make members aware of the policy and programme of the organisation.

Mr. T. J. Clare, Dublin, treasurer, read a satisfactory financial statement, and Mr. H. B. Hipwell, Bray, secretary, said that one of their difficulties was to get the public to understand the issue before leaseholders. Organisers were being trained to explain the new Leaseholders Bill, and to canvass support for it.

Mr. O. Mulholland, national director, said that under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1931, the incomes of the big ground landlords who owned the freehold of most of the city and suburbs of Dublin were increasing. He knew of cases in which the ground rents payable to absentee landlords had been increased to 500 per cent. It was not generally known that the income tax which landlords deducted from the ground rents payable to absentee landlords, and paid to the Government, was subsequently refunded to the absentee landlord by the Government under the double taxation agreement. The solution of that difficulty lay along the principles of land purchase legislation.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN ENGLAND

The Department of Agriculture were officially informed yesterday by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed at Stratton St. Margaret's, Wilts.

The usual precautions have been taken.

NEW ACTS IN THE NORTH

CONCESSIONS TO MOTORISTS

HORSE-POWER TAX REDUCED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

SEVERAL changes in the law will come into operation in Northern Ireland at the beginning of the year. The reduction of the horse-power tax on motor cars from 17s. 6d. to 15s. per horse-power, (bringing the tax down to the British level) will come into force on January 1st, and will mean a gift of £100,000 to Northern motorists.

The most important change in the law will be the introduction of the voluntary pension scheme for "black-coated" workers, and all persons (men and women) of small incomes, including ministers of religion, farmers, shopkeepers, people working on their own account in a small way, such as painters, printers, handymen, country blacksmiths, dressmakers, music teachers, private nurses, and others. The scheme provides pensions of 10s. a week to the widows of men who insure under it, together with allowances for dependants, and also old age pensions at the age of 65 for both men and women. Full details of the new Act appeared in the *Irish Times* on Monday last.

Another Act which will come into operation early in April is the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Act, which will provide medical benefit under the National Health Insurance Act for about 17,000 young persons in Northern Ireland, who, on leaving school, become employed before reaching the age of 16.

Two other Acts which come into force at the new year are the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act and the Arbitration Act. The latter amends the law relating to arbitration in Northern Ireland, and the former brings the law into conformity with the new Act recently passed at Westminster.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO BRITAIN

ATTACK ON SHIPS AN ACCIDENT

The Japanese Note replying to protests at attacks on British ships on the Yangtse, the text of which was published in London yesterday, is still under consideration by the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and experts at the Foreign Office. No official comment upon it was forthcoming last night.

Throughout the reply there runs a desire to placate Great Britain over the incidents, and stress is laid on the fact that the attacks were unintentional.

The Press Association learns that official circles in London have no comment to make on the Note.

Here are a few of the main points:—

The Japanese Government have taken all measures to render more effective their guarantee of the rights and interests of Great Britain and other Powers.

The Japanese units concerned had taken it for granted that all the foreign vessels had sought refuge from the scene of the fighting. There is no room for doubt that they did not intentionally attack the vessels knowing them to be British.

All assistance was given in taking care of the dead and wounded of Ladybird.

Although the incidents were entirely due to mistake, the Japanese Government had dealt properly, according to law, with the officers concerned.

Strict instructions have again been given to naval, military and diplomatic authorities to take the greatest possible care that attacks are not made upon the lives and property of British and other nationals.

The tone of the reply suggests that the Government in Tokyo is perturbed by the protests which have reached it from foreign Powers, and is anxious to placate opinion abroad, writes the Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent.

In London the view has more than once been expressed that, while the Japanese Government is anxious to avoid incidents involving a third Power, their chiefs in command in China have not always been careful to see that instructions from Tokyo are passed on to the individuals concerned.

IRELAND'S "CHARTER OF LIBERTY"

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. DE VALERA

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KANTURK, Thursday.

Speaking at a Fianna Fail meeting here last night, Mr. Sean Moylan, C.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, said that the Constitution was the charter of liberty for Ireland. Twenty years ago the man who framed the Constitution stood in Kanturk and told the people what he hoped for the country in the years ahead. Many things had happened since 1917, until now they were proud that night that he had been spared for those twenty years to lead the people and give them a charter of liberty for which the people made great sacrifices. They would send him a message of congratulation and hope that he would be spared another twenty years to go on with the work which he had taken up and lead the people as in the past. They would tell him that the people of North Cork were as sound for the freedom of all Ireland as they were during the years of the fight for freedom. They had seen disaster and failure, but now they had secured the fruition of their labours. The country would stand fast behind the Government, and in a very short time they would realise what freedom the Constitution contained for the country.

He felt sure that he voiced the opinion of North Cork when he said that under Eamon de Valera the freedom of the whole country would be attained. They would ask the Prime Minister and the Government to take steps to implement the Constitution in a manner that the defence of the country would be well and safely maintained for future time, and, with that object in view, to bring in the old I.R.A. behind the regular army, and with the men who had bravely fought in earlier days and nobly held the breach, and who fought so determined that England called for a truce in 1921, they could feel assured that the country's defence was safe and sound.

BEET-GROWERS' CLAIMS

The Executive of the Beet Growers' Association in Buswell's Hotel, Dublin, yesterday, discussed the position with regard to their claim to the Irish Sugar Company for 47s. 6d. per ton for beet during the coming year. Before the breaking down of negotiations with the company the growers had been offered 40s. per ton, and the Association is anxious to receive an early reply to their claim, as farmers in the beet-growing areas are considering the advisability of setting other crops.

The Executive also discussed the coming Senate elections, and decided to apply to the Senate Returning Officer for registration in the register of nominating bodies. They claim that the Association can speak for grain-growers as well as beet-growers.

THE YEAR THAT IS PASSING

SOME REPORTING IMPRESSIONS

SELECTED FROM 600 ASSIGNMENTS

SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.

OVER six hundred assignments are "covered" by most of the *Irish Times* reporters in the course of a year and six hundred assignments would seem to contain the material for a wealth of adventures, impressions and recollections.

Sales of work, county councils, boards of health, boards of assistance, police courts, circuit courts, meetings of cultural, industrial and technical societies, prize distributions, agricultural shows, the Port and Docks Board, Church Services—not exactly a field for excitement or romance. Still, it had its high lights and provided a lot of quiet fun.

The writer's most vivid recollection of the year is of the visit of the King and Queen to Belfast. He reported three murder trials and pieces of two others, and can remember readily the names of only three of the persons charged. Most impressive event after the Royal Visit was the National Turf-cutting Competitions at Ballinasloe, which may seem strange to those who never have witnessed one of those field days.

Scores of days and hundreds of hours spent in the Press Gallery of Dail Eireann failed to provide a genuine sensation. On the other hand, there were a number of very impressive Church Services, and two which may be remembered for many years.

But, apart from the "big occasions," there were many little incidents—few of them reported at the time—which causes the reporter to smile as he thinks of them now.

WHEN THE QUEEN SMILED

The barriers and the police guard of honour kept the crowd at some yards' distance from the Victoria and Albert. A few distinguished people on the wharf were clustered round where the gangway had been. The other newspaper representatives had rushed to the end of the wharf to wave "good-bye" when the Royal yacht passed. One reporter was left in a position of splendid isolation in the centre of the wharf.

Slowly the King and Queen floated past. The reporter gazed at them, noting every detail of their attire and their expressions for his account of this leave-taking. He was the only man on the wharf who was not waving. The Queen, graciously pleased and acknowledging the cheers, smiled at the crowd, at the little group on the wharf, and then at the figure nearest to her.

Her expression changed, her smile contracted a fraction of an inch—this figure was neither waving nor cheering. Then the reporter smiled, and the Queen was happy again.

MARCHING MEN

Togher Bog was rich in natural colours and gay with tents and flags. There were bands, officials, many spectators. On a platform the President of the Executive Council took the salute from the army of workmen marching into the bog to take part in the competitions.

We are unmoved by reports of the German Labour Corps marching past Herr Hitler with picks and shovels on their shoulders. It takes the marching of soldiers, of ex-Service men, or of youth organisations, with innocence in their looks and their steps, to stir us. Or does it not?

Here at Togher was a scene to stir the emotions of any who had a love for his countrymen, and for simplicity. The turf-cutters bore sleans, spades. Some of them pushed barrows. Their music was supplied by fiddles, flutes, or melodeons. The cards bearing the names of the districts from which they came were proudly borne.

They had not a martial bearing. But they had a proud bearing. In this parade of workmen, marching into the bog to match skill and muscle against one another, there was the dignity of labour.

Marching men, again. This time ex-Service men, getting old—few under forty, many over sixty. In most cases their old officers were at their head. But, surely, there in the ranks was a D.S.O. ribbon? And there an M.C.? Yes, here was a company with the officers marching in the ranks with their men. Fine clothes alongside torn garments. Comrades of a great adventure. Surely, here was the spirit of a civilian army returned to civilian life!

IN THE COURTS

Counsel for the defence seemed to have made no important point in his cross-examination of the State witnesses. Now the last of them was in the box. In a few seconds the State case would end, and it looked very black against the prisoner.

Counsel suddenly whipped round to the witness and shouted: "Who are you trying to shield?"

The answer was given. Another of the State witnesses was named.

It was dramatic. It was beautifully timed. Counsel, in the reporter's opinion, had saved his client's life; for it was a murder trial, and the verdict was manslaughter.

Another murder trial. This time the verdict was "guilty." The Court was hushed. Had the prisoner anything to say before sentence was passed? The pencils of the newspaper men shook as they shorthand-noted the words that flew from registrar, dock and bench. The judge was white. Everybody trembled except the prisoner. It was a tense, electric moment.

The same court. The same judge. The same verdict. The same ritual: No one trembled. The phonography was steady and exact. The judge was completely self-possessed. The police were indifferent. The jury were sure of themselves. In the whole courthouse there was not a chord of pity.

Both crimes had been brutal—the first decidedly the more spectacular. The prisoner in a *cause célèbre* excites sympathy. Nobody is concerned about a merely sordid murderer.

LIGHTER MOMENTS

The Chairman referred to it as a work of a "rising young artist." Neither were the reporters impressed. The artist sought out the Press representatives. "Obviously that was a mistake," he explained. "Be sure you refer to me as 'the brilliant painter!'"

A nice, quiet seat at the back of the church was chosen. Here one could take notes of the Bishop's address without attracting attention to oneself. It was an important address. The bishop ascended the pulpit. All the lights in the church were extinguished except the pulpit light. The reporter was left in darkness. Pitman never would have recognised the notes as his system.

One newspaper did not send a representative to the dinner. An inebriated person was put in a Press seat. He helped himself to the nearest reporter's drink; to another's knives and forks, after losing his own under the table; he splashed them with gravy, ate all the butter on the table, sneezed, coughed and became abusive. And wanted to reply to the toast of "The Press."

The roads were closed. The motor race had started. A party of officials who had been delayed in a terrific jam found themselves on the side of the course opposite that on which their duties were to have been performed. They waved armlets, badges, letters of credential. But the police had received strict orders. No one must cross the course once the race had started. The attention of the absolute chief of chiefs, king pin and Grand Llama, was called to this *contretemps*. He went across the course to fetch his officials. Then the police refused to allow even him to return! A superintendent was summoned. He supported his police. It was just too bad.

THEATRE ROYAL

NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Elaborate preparations have been made at the Theatre Royal for New Year's Eve celebrations. Appropriate scenery has been designed to usher in the new year in rousing fashion, and patrons will be given the unique opportunity of welcoming 1938 in the gaiety of the theatre. Jimmy Campbell and his boys will play a prominent part in the merriment, which includes the playing of popular favourites. A carnival atmosphere will be introduced with streamers and novelties to give "Old Man 1937" a jolly send-off.

COMMUNISTS ON TRIAL

ANTI-SOVIET PLOT ALLEGED

EIGHT OFFICIALS PLEAD GUILTY

EIGHT prominent Soviet leaders have pleaded guilty at their trials, before the Erivan Supreme Court, in connection with the alleged discovery of a plot to overthrow the Soviet Government in Armenia, according to the Erivan official Communist newspaper.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Thursday.

The newspaper states that the organisation discovered was plotting to establish a capitalist régime in Armenia, under the protection of a foreign Power, and that those who have been put on trial include M. B. A. Mamikonyan, Commissar of Agriculture; M. Kalantaryan, Vice-Commissar, and M. Engibaryan, Rector of the State University.

TO PROVOKE DISCONTENT

All the defendants have, according to the newspaper, pleaded guilty, and confessed to capital crimes and "to wrecking Armenian agriculture and animal breeding centres, in order to provoke popular discontent against the Soviet Government."

A former Premier, a Vice-Premier, and the Secretary of the Armenian Communist Party are also stated to be implicated, but it is not stated whether they have already been tried.

The newspaper also refers to the "liquidation" of the plot, which it describes as having been engineered by a "counter-revolutionary, Trotskyist-Bukharinist and Nationalist" organisation.

Erivan has a population of about 66,400, and is noted for wine and brandy. It is the capital of Armenia, which covers an area of 11,945 square miles, with a population of over 1,109,000. It adopted the Soviet Constitution in November, 1920.

NEW RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT

ROME AND BERLIN PLEASED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Thursday.

A four-point summary of the new *régime* in Rumania, which is welcomed here, adding another "authoritarian State" to Europe, is given by Signor Gayda in the *Giornale d'Italia* this evening.

He says: 1. As M. Goga has only 36 seats in Parliament out of 387 he obviously intends to rule without Parliament.

2. His *régime* will be one of frank and militant racialism. He is the Rumanian high priest of anti-Semitism and Nationalism.

3. In home affairs his Government will move in the direction of authority and strong action of the Fascist type.

4. In foreign policy he will desert "the vain idealogies of wordy democracy" in favour of "realistic conceptions." He wants to collaborate with the Rome-Berlin axis.

The new *régime* is claimed as a fresh proof of Signor Mussolini's forecast in Berlin last autumn that all Europe would go Fascist.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The appointment of the Goga Cabinet in Rumania is received here with much satisfaction.

"Jews and Marxists are flitting away from Bucharest to Prague and Vienna," and "a fresh breeze in Bucharest," are two typical head-lines in to-night's papers.

The elimination of Jews is particularly regarded as important. The *Diplomatische Korrespondenz* says: "The not inconsiderable percentage of Jews in the State was regarded as a serious danger for the future of the nation."

BALMORAL LIVE-STOCK SALE

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR ANNUAL EVENT

The Royal Ulster Agricultural Society is now receiving entries for its annual show and sale of pedigree cattle and pigs, which will be held at Balmoral Show Grounds on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 22nd, 23rd and 24th February next, and which promises to be highly successful in view of the authentic information which has already reached the society regarding the attendance of important cross-Channel buyers.

The prize list, which has been circulated to breeders in all parts of the country, contains six classes for pigs and 25 classes for bulls and heifers, for which substantial prize money is offered again, together with valuable challenge cups and medals.

The society has been fortunate again in securing the services of judges of outstanding ability, and the following is a list of those who will officiate at Balmoral on the opening day:—

Large White Pigs—Mr. E. Thomlinson, Hall Farm, Hutton Wandesley, Marston, Yorks.

Bacon Pigs—Mr. C. A. Murphy, Messrs. Henry Denny and Sons, Ltd., Portadown.

Aberdeen-Angus Bulls and Heifers—Mr. C. F. Tulloch, Bracvail, Lethen, Nairn.

Dairy Bulls and Heifers—Mr. Joseph Barnes, Barugh Syke, Wigton, Cumberland, and Mr. William Mitchell Wellfield, Ballymore-Eustace, County Kildare.

Shorthorn Bulls and Heifers—Mr. K. P. MacGillivray, Kirkton, Bunchrew, Inverness-shire, and Mr. W. Gordon, Dalpatrick, Crieff, Perthshire.

Messrs. MacDonald, Fraser and Co., Ltd., Perth, whose reputation as live stock auctioneers is world-wide, will officiate again at the sale, and, as entries will close promptly on 7th January next, any intending exhibitor who has not yet received a prize list should lose no time in applying for one to the Secretary, Balmoral Show Grounds, Belfast.

FUNERAL OF MR. MICHAEL LEE

The funeral of Mr. Michael Lee, who died in London, where he was secretary to the Four Provinces of Ireland Club, took place to Ballymacormack Cemetery, Longford, yesterday, and was attended by many local people.

The chief mourners were Miss Edith Lee and Miss Marion Lee (sisters), Mrs. Stafford, Mr. William Stafford, Mr. H. Stafford, Miss Stafford, and Mr. T. W. Delany, S.S.

The attendance included:—Dr. Vincent S. Delany, Dr. J. M. S. Kenny, Mr. M. A. Farrell, solicitor; Mr. J. W. Hogan, M.P.S.I.; Dr. Mary Farrell, Mr. F. J. Farrell, solicitor; Mr. Barney Mulligan (past secretary of the Four Provinces of Ireland Club), etc.

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INSURGENTS IN TERUEL?

MADRID IS AGAIN THREATENED

GOVERNMENT ADMITS REVERSES

IMPORTANT insurgent troop movements in various sectors on the Guadalajara front, north-east of Madrid, have been reported by Government observers during the past few days, according to a Spanish Press Agency message from Barcelona, received by Reuter in London last night.

An insurgent 'plane yesterday flew over the Government positions at Humanes, north of Guadalajara. It was followed by 18 others, which dropped bombs without, it is stated, causing much damage.

Another insurgent raid also took place on the outskirts of Moncada, north of Barcelona. No casualties were caused.

Latest news of the fighting around Teruel appears to indicate that the insurgents are making desperate efforts to relieve the besieged comrades in the town, says Reuter.

Airmen returning from a reconnaissance flight to the town state that the Government troops have begun a general retreat, says a dispatch from the Havas Correspondent with the insurgent forces at Caudete, near Teruel.

According to a Spanish Press Agency message from Barcelona, several insurgent squadrons which attempted to bomb and machine-gun Government positions around Teruel were first driven off by anti-aircraft fire, and were then chased by Government pursuit 'planes back to Saragossa.

According to another Barcelona message from the same agency, the insurgent losses since the beginning of the Teruel offensive number 3,000 dead and 6,000 wounded. The total number of insurgent prisoners now in the concentration camp at Teruel is 4,869, including 30 officers and over 300 non-commissioned officers. The arms taken include 4,800 rifles, 184 sub-machine guns, 211 machine guns, 97 mortars, over 30 pieces of artillery, and great supplies of ammunition of all kinds and 300 lorries.

A bulletin issued by the Government to-day says: "We have conquered the natural gateway to the north-eastern road. This gateway has been held by the insurgents, and they would have been able to open it to throw their invading columns towards Sagunto. This gate now belongs to us, and it is we who may open it in the opposite direction. The rich coastal region is no longer menaced, but, on the contrary, the centre regions of Aragon, Alta, Alcarria and Soria are now threatened by us."

REVERSES ADMITTED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BARCELONA, Friday.

A *communiqué* issued here admits that on the front West of Teruel the Government have lost a few positions. There is no danger, however, the *communiqué* adds, for the security of the town, which is defended by very strong lines.

The Bank of Spain building was blown up yesterday afternoon, the *communiqué* states, and a reservoir supplying the besieged garrison was destroyed.

The *communiqué* also states:—"On the right flank our lines are being maintained intact, although under a terrible bombardment. We had to abandon two positions at Cerro Gordo, but took them back in a counter-attack.

SARAGOSSA, Friday.

"We could enter the city to-night if we wanted, but are awaiting orders," Colonel Sagardia, commanding the Insurgent forces going to the relief of Teruel told Reuter late last night.

AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE COMMISSION REPORT

The report of the Commission on Christian Doctrine appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York will be published on January 14, fifteen years after it was set up in 1922.

It is stated that "such a measure of agreement is revealed that no fears of a split in the Church of England need henceforward be entertained. That an agreed statement on confession and absolution should be possible shows that on one question—once hotly disputed—no serious differences need now exist.

"The Commission disclaim the idea of defining what doctrine is permissible in the Church of England."

Signatories to the report include the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of Chelmsford, Derby and Glasgow and Galloway, Dr. W. R. Matthews (Dean of St. Paul's), Sir Walter Moberly, Dr. E. G. Selwyn (Dean of Winchester), and Canon V. F. Storr.

Dr. Matthews told a reporter last night that the report of the Commission was one of the most important things done since the drawing up of the Thirty-nine Articles.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

THE LATE MISS VIOLET SAYER

News of the death of Miss Violet Sayer, which occurred on December 28, has been received with deep regret by all ranks of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Southern Ireland.

Miss Sayer, who was a Serving Sister of the Order of St. John, first became known to the Brigade in 1917, when, as secretary to the "Our Day Appeal" for Red Cross funds, her ability became apparent to the organisers. The position of secretary to the Brigade entails much responsibility. Miss Sayer assumed it with dignity, and carried out the duties with exceptional ability from the date of her appointment in 1924. Miss Sayer was also secretary to the Irish Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

OBITUARY

COLONEL J. KIRKCONNELL MAXWELL WITHAM

Colonel James Kirkconnell Maxwell Witham, C.M.G., of Kirkconnell, Dumfriesshire, a veteran of the South African war, died yesterday, aged 89. Colonel Maxwell Witham commanded the 3rd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the South African war. He was mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Queen's and King's medals. The first of the "House of Kirkconnell" probably, was of Saxon origin who settled at Kirkconnell in the time of Malcolm Canmore (1057-1093).

After hearing a report from their two inspectors, miners at Frickley Colliery, South Elmsale, Yorks., resumed work last night. They had refused to go back to work on Wednesday because their officials had not examined the stopping built up to seal off an underground fire, fumes from which killed one man and slightly gassed six others on Tuesday.

LABOUR NOTES

PLUMBING TRADE PROSPECTS

FUTURE OF DUBLIN DOCKYARD

FROM OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT.

THERE is every prospect that the Dublin plumbing trade dispute will be settled within the next few days.

Yesterday a three-party conference took place at 8 Merrion square, under the auspices of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. The Saorstat Eireann Federation of Building Trades' Employers, the Operative Plumbers', Glaziers' and Domestic Engineers' Union, and the Federation of Master Plumbers were present, and the conference lasted about five hours. At the conclusion it was stated that the representatives of the various bodies would report back to their principals on the proposed terms of settlement.

If these terms are accepted, it is likely that a full resumption of work will take place early next week.

The Operative Plumbers' Union will place the proposals before their union at a meeting in the Trades Hall, Capel street, to-morrow at 3 p.m. It will be remembered that the members of this union were seeking recognition of an agreement signed last September between the union and the Federation of Master Plumbers which provided for a wage of 2s. 0½d. per hour and for standard working rules.

At that time building trades employers were not prepared to accept the agreement, and even to-day discussions will take place between these employers and the Department of Industry and Commerce before any settlement not already provided for in the building trade agreement can be reached with the plumbers.

It is not expected, however, that any difficulties will be placed in the way of a settlement by the Department or by the Building Trades Group in the Dublin Trades Union Council.

So far as can be gathered, the latter body was consulted by the employers regarding the position last night and there is every reason to believe that the Plumbers' Union soon will become a party to the Area Joint Industrial Council for the Building Trade.

It is expected that the decisions of the employers and the workers will be announced during the week-end.

DUBLIN DOCKYARD

The six months' notice served on their employés by the management of the Dublin Dockyard expires to-day. Yesterday considerable doubt was felt in Dublin as to whether the firm would close down. The manager, Mr. George Ridgway, M.I.C.E.I., when approached last night by an *Irish Times* reporter, said that he had no statement to make. "You know the position," he said. "Notice was served six months ago that we were closing down on December 31 and that we were completing the work on hands. We close down to-day."

It was reported yesterday that the Irish Trade Union Congress had collected data for the Department of Industry and Commerce, with a view to finding a basis on which the dockyard could be carried on.

It is understood that a large amount of work, other than ship-repair work, has lately been offered to the dockyard, and that if these orders were taken they would keep the staff occupied for several months. The work on hand at present, it is believed, will keep the employés going for several weeks.

It was reported that the Department of Industry and Commerce [illegible] sounded certain [illegible] Poë and Captain [illegible] to forming a new company to take over the dockyard if Messrs. Vickers should decline to reconsider their decision to close down.

DOCKERS' DISPUTE

The dockers' negotiations were continued yesterday. It is understood that a conference under the auspices of the Department of Industry and Commerce will be held between the Irish Seamen's and Port Workers' Union and the deep-water stevedores early next week to review the work done during this week's series of discussions.

INTERFERENCE RESENTED

CATTLE TRADERS AND "OFFICIAL MIND"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

"If it could be realised that 'red tape' regulations tend to stifle rather than stimulate the trader and add intolerable burden to overhead costs on all commodities then the problem of making ends meet would not be so acute in the cattle trade," stated the Secretary's report at the annual meeting of the United Cattle Trade Association in Cork to-day.

The Secretary (Mr. T. Healy) discussed additions to expenses accounts caused by tariff impositions, confiscations and fines, and the difficulties caused by the rigidity of veterinary regulations at both sides of the Irish Sea. It would not be their place, the report stated, to criticise or voice their profound dissatisfaction at the loss and inconvenience caused by a too strict bureaucratic interference in their affairs if it could be proved that the irritating restrictions which were harassing and handicapping them originated in a genuine desire to safeguard the interests of either the primary producer or the ultimate consumer.

One fundamental fact stood out. They in Ireland had commodities to dispose of which their cross-Channel consumers appreciated, and for which they were willing to pay a price which under normal trading conditions should ensure a reasonable profit for both producer and distributor.

The report then made the statement quoted above, and added that if the pioneers on both sides of the water will not adopt a common-sense attitude in limiting the growing tendency of the official mind to unduly interfere in the traders' affairs then the cattle exporter of the very near future will have to be a veritable superman to avoid periodic penalisation.

The report went on to say that another disturbing factor was the amalgamation of transport companies which would result in an unscrupulously worked monopoly of an essential service by road, rail and sea, and the elimination of competitive freight rates. The report noted that the Great Southern Railways delivery service from fairs to shipping ports had shown a tendency to improve, and all association recommendations had been sympathetically considered by Mr. P. J. Floyd, traffic manager. Tribute was also paid to the local G.S.R. superintendent, Mr. Walsh; to the officials of the road transport and 'bus departments of the G.S.R., and to Mr. R. W. S. Sinnott, general manager, Cork Steam Packet Co., Ltd.

AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN

HOME TO RETIRE?

Sir Henry Chilton, British Ambassador to Spain, told a Press Association reporter on his arrival in London on holiday leave last night that no decision had been made about his retirement.

When informed by the reporter of speculations which had been current in England that he would not resume his diplomatic post, Sir Henry said: "I do not know whether I shall retire. I should have been due to do so in October had it not been for the war in Spain, but the decision rests with the Foreign Office. I have not heard yet what they wish me to do."

The Press Association was informed in authoritative quarters: "No decision has been taken yet. Sir Henry is coming home on leave."

Sir Henry reached the age of 60—the normal retiring age for the Diplomatic Service—in October.

DEATH OF YOUNG NURSE

INQUEST CRITICISM OF RELATIVES

REMOVED AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE

RELATIVES of a young probationer nurse who had her removed from Boundary Park Municipal Hospital, Oldham, against the advice of the medical superintendent were criticised by a jury at an inquest at Larne yesterday.

At the close of the inquest the Coroner, Dr. Stewart, declined to withdraw remarks he had made previously, when he had severely censured the relatives.

The inquest was on Miss Nellie Quigley (20), of Carnlough, County Antrim, who was taken ill at the Oldham Hospital, where she was employed, a week after she had received treatment for a septic finger. She died in Larne Hospital.

Evidence was given that death was due to an unusual form of infantile paralysis not connected with the cut finger.

ALLEGATIONS

The Coroner, instructing the jury, said that certain allegations were made by the girl's relatives against the Boundary Hospital nursing and medical staff. They had alleged that they did not get a diagnosis, and that the girl had not received proper treatment. There was also the criticism against the relatives themselves, said the Coroner, for removing the girl when Dr. Maher strongly advised against it.

The jury stated that they were agreed as to cause of death, and added that more evidence other than that given by Dr. Maher should have been available as to the attention the girl had received at Oldham Hospital.

The Coroner, refusing to accept this verdict, sent the jury back again to bring in a verdict strictly in accordance with the evidence.

On reconsidering the evidence, the jury found that Miss Quigley had received proper treatment in the Boundary Hospital and that her relatives had acted unwisely in removing her.

EDENDERRY TOWN HALL IS RETAINED

AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY COMMISSIONERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

EDENDERRY, Thursday

An arrangement has been made by which, pending sanction, the Edenderry Town Hall crux will be settled, and there will not be any necessity to transfer the powers, duties, liabilities, and functions of the local Town Commissioners to the Offaly Board of Health.

These matters occupied a good deal of public attention a couple of months ago, when the alleged sale of the Town Hall, by auction, for a sum of £10, caused considerable comment.

The arrangement, arrived at between Mr. George O'Connell, Chairman of the Town Commissioners, and Mr. Lane, solicitor, Dublin, acting on behalf of his client, Mr. Edward Dempsey, building contractor, is to the effect that, in consideration of the payment, in two instalments, of the debt due to Mr. Dempsey, the latter re-assigns to the Commissioners whatever interest in the Town Hall purchased by him at the public auction.

At a special meeting of the Town Commissioners, the Chairman, by consent, tentatively withdrew his notice of motion proposing to transfer the powers of the Commissioners to the Board of Health, and, after some discussion, the arrangement arrived at by the Chairman and Mr. Lane was ratified. A paying order representing half the amount due to Mr. Dempsey was drawn.

It is stated that, should no objection be raised by the Local Government Department, the remainder of the debt will be paid in a few months' time. The Commissioners will, meanwhile, carry out plans which have been suggested on behalf of the ratepayers to clear off all the other debts, the principal of which are arrears of amounts, with penal interest, due to the Board of Works on foot of repayment of loans. The suggestions include a complete change in the existing arrangements regarding the lettings of the Town Hall for social and other functions.

NATIONAL PLOUGHING COMPETITION

GOVERNMENT GRANT SOUGHT

Mr. Thomas Ward, secretary of the County Dublin Agricultural Committee, presided at a meeting of the National Ploughing Association in Jury's Hotel yesterday evening, at which final details were discussed for the holding of the national ploughing championship at Carlow on the 10th February. The following resolution was submitted by the Carlow Committee, and, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, County Councillor (Carlow), adopted unanimously:—"That we wish to bring to the notice of the Minister for Agriculture that the national ploughing championship can no longer be successfully carried on by voluntary subscriptions, as this important annual event is the best form of propaganda for the promotion of tillage in this country. We appeal to the Minister to arrange for a grant from the Government funds to carry on this important work."

Mr. Hughes added that £250 would cover the cost of the outlay.

The secretary pointed out that the present arrangement, whereby they got three-quarters of the local gate receipts and the local people only a quarter to cover expenses, was not satisfactory.

Mr. Frame (Bray) supported the resolution.

A Carlow deputation asked the committee to include a competition for tractor ploughing at the Carlow fixture, and this was agreed to unanimously. Mr. Frame said that he would give a cup, and it was stated that Captain Hosie (Athy) would give a prize for Fordson tractors.

The attendance included:—Messrs. D. Flynn and W. Murphy (Wicklow), D. Frame (Bray), W. J. Mackin (Meath), John Dowling, County Councillor (Clondalkin), Joseph Dowling, W. H. Bennett, Joseph Hughes, County Councillor (Carlow); M. M. Carey (do.), R. Hughes (do.), Brendan Dowling (do.), Gerard Brennan (do.), T. A. Connolly (do.), J. J. Bergin, secretary (Athy).

The national championship will be held on Captain Bruen's lands, Carlow.

CONSTITUTION STAMPS

SALES BREAK ALL RECORDS

It is not known as yet how many of the new Constitution stamps were sold on Wednesday last, but the number certainly ran into many hundreds of thousands. At almost every post office in Dublin there was a long queue throughout the day and most of the citizens seemed to have taken this novel opportunity of writing to their friends—and even to themselves for the sake of possessing a Constitution stamp marked with the day of issue.

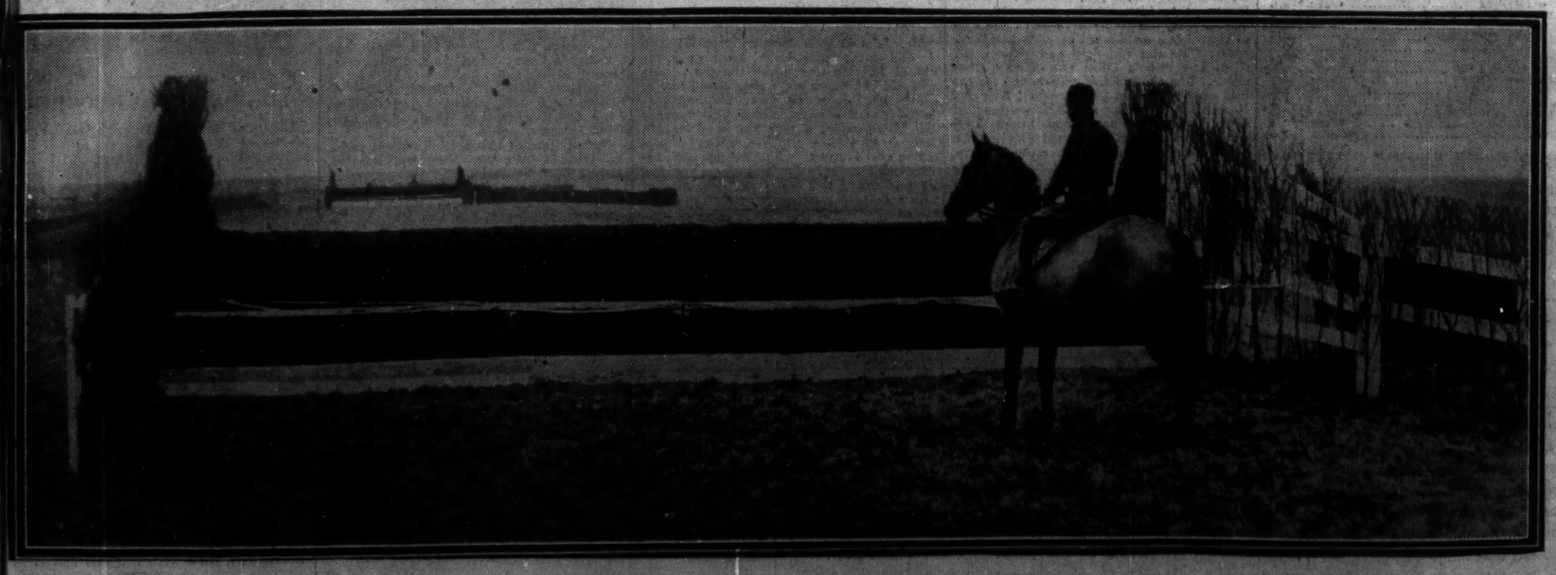
Thousands of applications for stamps were received from all over the world and so great was this demand that a special department was formed temporarily in the Post Office to cope with the extra traffic. Stamp collectors wrote from most European countries, and even from America, India, Africa and China. Postal officials say that the sale of st

TAKING THE OATH : LIMERICK WEDDING

A GROUP taken at the Four Courts yesterday, when the Chief Justice administered the Oath under the new Constitution to the members of the High Court Judiciary. From left are: Mr. Justice O'Byrne, Mr. Justice Meredith, Mr. Justice FitzGibbon, Chief Justice Sullivan, Mr. Justice Murnaghan, Mr. Justice Geoghegan and Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITALS.—Above: Santa Claus at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. Right: Nurses and patients listening to a concert given at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. On the right is the new Matron, Miss Chambers (seated).

A BRIDAL GROUP, taken after the wedding at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, yesterday, of Lieutenant-Commander J. H. Swain, R.N., elder son of the Very Rev. the Dean of Limerick and of the late Mrs. Swain, and Miss Elizabeth L. Irwin, only daughter of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Limerick and Mrs. Irwin. From left: Miss P. Swain, Miss M. Irwin, groom and bride, Miss J. Swain and Miss A. Scott. Behind: Mr. G. B. Swain (best man). Left: The bride's parents.



A HORSE BEING SCHOOLED over one of the hurdles at the Irish Turf Club's new steeplechase training ground at the Curragh, County Kildare.

MERCURY RISES BEFORE SUN

EROS APPROACHES THE EARTH

INTEREST IN THE STARS IN JANUARY

By Our Astronomical Correspondent.

MERCURY is at greatest elongation, 24° west of the Sun, on the 20th, and will, therefore, be a morning object in the latter half of the month. He rises nearly two hours before the Sun, and should be looked for at 7 a.m. round about this date low down in the south-east.

Venus is approaching superior conjunction, and will be too near the Sun in apparent position to be readily seen with the naked eye at any time during the month.

Mars continues to shine as an evening object, visible in the south-west for about four hours after sunset. The planet is moving rapidly eastwards and northwards along the ecliptic, so that on the 31st he will set some twenty minutes later than on the 1st. Little can now be seen on the diminutive disc of the planet, which is 166 million miles distant from the Earth, while to the naked eye he appears no brighter than an average first-magnitude star.

Jupiter will be in conjunction with the Sun on the 29th, and will in consequence be off the observer's list for some months to come.

Saturn remains as an evening star, and, though long past opposition, is still well placed for observing in the early evening. Towards the end of the month Mars and Saturn, both about equally bright, will be seen close to one another in Pisces.

Uranus will be in quadrature, 90° east of the Sun, on the 30th. Therefore, the planet will be near the meridian at sunset and favourably placed in the early evening. It will be found in Aries, at R.A. 2h. 30m., Decl. + 14° 21', on the 15th.

The minor planet Eros makes a close approach to the Earth this month, and will be sufficiently bright (magnitude 8.5) to be easily observable in a small telescope. It is frequently stated in new books on astronomy that Eros comes nearer to the Earth than any body except the Moon, whereas several other minor planets—Adonis, Amor and Apollo—as pointed out last month, are now known to have parts of their orbits considerably closer to the Earth.

Though Eros no longer holds the record for nearness to the Earth, it has gained in interest for asteroid observers by the recent discovery that its light is subject to regular and periodic variations. The maximum range of these variations is about 1.5 magnitudes—that is to say, a fourfold change in brightness. Now, since all the minor planets shine by reflected sunlight only, such variability must be due to irregularities of the surface structure which reflect more or less light as the planet rotates on its axis turning different parts of its surface to the Sun.

In the 1931 opposition, van den Bos and Finsen, observing with the 36-inch Lick refractor, reported the appearance of the planet as like a close double star, whose separation they estimated at about one-fifth of a second of arc. Several astronomers have suggested a double asteroid with two components rotating around a common centre of gravity, but it is generally held that the gravitational attraction of two such small bodies would be insufficient to keep them together. Van den Bos and Finsen consider that their observation represents not a double planetoid, but rather an irregular mass of rock some 22 miles long and 7 miles thick rotating about an axis at right angles to its greatest diameter. This would provide a simple explanation of both the regular variations in brightness and the elongated shape of the planet as seen through the telescope. No doubt, Eros will be kept under close scrutiny with large refractors in the coming month for a confirmation of this theory of its extraordinary shape. At present the planet is moving rapidly southwards through the constellations Perseus and Taurus; and it should be looked for with the aid of an ephemeris showing its positions from night to night.

THE MOONS

New Moon occurs on the 1st at 19 hours; First Quarter on the 9th at 14 hours; Full Moon on the 16th at 6 hours; Last Quarter on the 23rd at 8 hours; and New Moon again on the 31st at 14 hours. Thus, it will be noticed that January has two Full Moons this year, while February has no New Moon at all. A February without a New Moon is a distinctly rare event, which occurs only once in every twenty or thirty years on the average.

There are occultations of several conspicuous stars by the Moon, notably Omega Tauri (mag. 4.8) on the 12th, disappearance at 21 hours, 34 minutes; Zeta Tauri (mag. 3.0) on the 14th, disappearance at 4 hours, 29 minutes; Nu Geminorum (mag. 4.1) on the 14th, disappearance at 22 hours, 11 minutes; and Omega Leonis (mak. 5.5) on the 17th, reappearance at 21 hours, 58 minutes. The times given are for Greenwich, and will be some minutes earlier for Irish observers; and in particular that for Zeta Tauri is subject to wide variation, because the occultation is one of grazing incidence.

STARS OF THE MONTH

On the 1st at 21 hours (9 p.m.), on the 15th at 20 hours (8 p.m.), and on the 31st at 19 hours (7 p.m.), the following constellations will be visible:—Looking towards the south, the Hyades and the Pleiades will be observed high in the sky, followed by the Orion region and Sirius and Procyon further to the east. This is incomparably the most splendid region of the whole heavens, containing, as it does, in a comparatively small area of the sky no less than seven stars of the first magnitude.

Auriga and Gemini are to be seen high in the south-east, while Leo is just rising above the eastern horizon. Overhead will be found the familiar groups of Perseus and Cassiopeia. West of the meridian Aries, Andromeda and Pisces are on the decline, while Pegasus and Aquarius are already near the horizon.

ECLIPSES

The year 1938 will see four eclipses, two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The first of these is the total eclipse of the Moon on May 14, invisible in the British Isles, but visible generally over the Atlantic Ocean, North and South America, and over a large part of the Pacific Ocean. This is followed by a total eclipse of the Sun a fortnight later, on May 29. The path of totality in the latter is an unusually short one; for the Moon's shadow all but misses the Earth, making contact with it only in a small area in the Southern Atlantic. South Georgia and a few smaller islands are the only land to be found along the totality belt.

On November 7-8 there is a particularly fine total eclipse of Moon, visible under the most favourable conditions possible in these islands. It will also be well seen over most of Asia, Africa and the Atlantic Ocean. The total phase lasts for one hour and twenty minutes, the Moon at the time being high up in the sky. This eclipse, likewise, is followed by one of the Sun—a partial eclipse—on November 21-22, a semi-lunar-period later. The partial eclipse will be seen from the North Pacific Ocean on either side of the date line, and from parts of North America and Japan.

Astronomical Telescopes.—Dixon and Hempenstall, State Opticians, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT

THURSDAY.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—30.50. Wind and Weather—Easterly winds; dull and overcast.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Leinster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Lairdshill, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; Hawthorn and J. B. Kee, from Liverpool, with mails; Shellbrit, from Liverpool, with fuel oil; Edith, from Liverpool, with copper wire; St. Kenneth and Thorn, from Garston, with coal; Mayflower, from Ayr, with coal; Glendun, from Preston, with coal; Glencree, from Ardrossan, with coal; Downshire, from Whitehaven, with coal; St. Fintan, from Partington, with coal; Slieve More, from Holyhead, light.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Belfast Corporation Police Committee, the report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade showed that during the past two weeks the brigade had responded to 21 calls of fire and the ambulance to 100 calls.

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"YIP-I-ADDY-I-AY"

AND THE LORD MAYOR BEAT TIME

Beating time with both hands, Lord Mayor Alfred Byrne conducted a "mixed choir" of 400 through the more difficult passages in "Yip-I-Addy-I-Ay" in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, yesterday afternoon. The children, sons and daughters of ex-Irish Guardsmen, all had lusty voices, but Alderman Byrne has good reason to be proud of his ringing "Yip" in the final chorus. That his "choir" thoroughly appreciated his efforts was apparent when they raised the roof with three cheers, followed by "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The occasion was the eleventh annual Christmas tree and party for ex-Irish Guardsmen's children, organised and run by Mrs. Ida M. Nicholson and a committee. After an enjoyable concert, at which old-time songs were sung, the young guests, many of whom were accompanied by their parents, were given tea. Mr. Develle delighted them with his Punch-and-Judy show, and toys and other gifts were distributed from the 14-feet high tree (kindly presented by the patron, the Countess of Meath), by Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. D. Seymour.

The children themselves contributed songs and dances, in which they were assisted by Mrs. Codd, Miss P. Martin, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Deegan (at the piano).

On behalf of the guests the Lord Mayor thanked Mrs. Nicholson and her committee for their generous entertainment.

Among those who contributed to the expenses or who wrote congratulating the organisers were:—The Lieut.-Colonel of the Irish Guards, Irish Guards' Old Comrades' Association, the Earl and Countess of Meath, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Viscountess de Vesci, Lieut.-Colonel Hon. T. Vesey, General Sir Alexander Godley, Capt. Hood, Mrs. Morrow, Capt. and Mrs. Bambridge, Brig.-General Hon. L. G. Butler, Lieut.-Colonel P. L. Reid, Brig.-General Cooper, Brig.-General Darell, Mrs. Parker-Keene, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, Capt. Brownhill, Brigadier F. Wilts, Capt. Pym, Lieut.-Colonel T. Nugent, Mrs. McCalmont, Lieut.-Colonel the Viscount Gough, General Sir Hill Childs, Mrs. J. Nugent, Brigadier R. V. Pollock, Viscount Powerscourt, Capt. Maxwell, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Codd, Lord Castlerosse, Colonel Lord Templemore, Major Percival, Capt. Sir Gerald Burke, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Oliphant, Mrs. Mooney, staff of the Ulster Bank, College Green; Mr. W. Quinn, the Earl of Rosse, Capt. Nutting, Major Faulkner, Miss Steele, Miss Whitten, Capt. Vernon, Mr. Gardner.

THE CAB DERBY

COMMITTEE'S APPEAL

To everyone, from the highest to the lowest in the land, with one exception, the mechanisation of transport has been a source of comfort and a blessing. To the traveller in every walk of life it has brought speed, convenience and relief from hardship. The one exception is the "cabby" and his horse, who have plied their picturesque trade in Dublin and in other cities for generations. To them the mechanical age has brought not comfort, but discomfort, and, in many instances, even acute distress. The horses and the cabs that formerly brought gaiety and animation to the city streets now stand idle in the ranks. The change in the times has brought poverty to the average "cabby," and to many of them hardly even a meagre livelihood.

It is to provide relief for these men and their horses, and—now that they have become something of an anachronism—to provide some return for their "services rendered," that the annual Cab Derby is run in Dublin. The race takes place every New Year's Day in the Phœnix Park, when usually about 100 "cabbies" and their steeds take part. There are prizes, of course, for the winners, but through the generosity of a number of citizens the committee always provides the "cabbies" and their horses with a good meal and something in the nature of a "day out." The committee, therefore, appeals once again to the citizens of Dublin for help in this sporting venture. Contributions of money or merchandise will be gratefully received at Frankfort House, Dundrum, County Dublin.

This year's race, which is the fifth of the annual Dublin Cab Derbies, will take place in the Phœnix Park in the afternoon of New Year's Day. The organising secretaries are Mr. George Byrne and Mr. George Bonass.

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL

"Santa Claus" visited the Royal City of Dublin Hospital Baggot street, Dublin, yesterday afternoon, and distributed many toys and gifts to the young patients. Three "talking pictures" were shown and other entertainment provided for the adult patients. Special fare was provided for the patients, and the doctors and nurses did everything in their power to make the function an enjoyable one for all in the hospital. Mr. V. V. Grennan, as "Santa Claus," brought happiness to many of the little patients.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

SMART PERFORMANCE BY SABLE MARTEN

Sons of Soldennis Prominent at Newbury

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

NEWBURY, Thursday Night.

IT was a most attractive performance that the four-year-old, Sable Marten, put up in winning the Reading 'Chase here this afternoon by six lengths and eight lengths from Red Prince and Mount Hermon, with War Vessel unplaced. This son of Soldennis, who was bred by Mr. F. B. O'Toole near Edenderry, and was a smart three-year-old on the flat, has now won the three steeplechases he has taken part in this season, so there is ground for regarding him as the best four-year-old 'chaser we have seen. He made all the running here, and when Bold Knight, who had been racing with him, dropped back he went on clear after turning into the straight.

Fillip and Red Prince then drew up to him, but the former fell at the last fence, and Sable Marten, drawing away from that point, showed a burst of speed that was much too good for Red Prince. Sable Marten jumped well all the way—a tribute to the careful schooling of Mr. Basil Briscoe, who trains him for Mr. C. C. Pilkington. Mr. Briscoe is one of our youngest trainers, but he does not make the mistake of bringing out half-schooled horses. It was under his tutelage that Golden Miller was introduced to steeplechasing.

Silver Lance Fails

Another son of Soldennis, Terror, ran a very good race in the Juvenile Hurdle Race, in which he was beaten three parts of a length and a short head by Master Cosmo and Silver Lance. The latter was favourite and Terror was second favourite, and at level weights they ran to inches. Neither, however, was capable of giving 10lb. to Master Cosmo, an outsider from the stable of the local trainer, Roberts, whose first introduction to hurdling was at Wolverhampton earlier in the week, when he finished third. He jumped the last hurdle here alongside Silver Lance and Terror, and just ran them out of it on the flat.

There was a field of twenty-four runners for this race, and twenty-six for the Yatesbury Selling Hurdle Race, which Roberts also won with his wife's horse, Rubis Topaze, who beat Galapas by four lengths, and was then bought in for 210 guineas. Eliza started favourite again, and again finished unplaced.

Even the selling steeplechase brought out a field of eleven, with Courtesy and Pitch Bowl as joint favourites. Neither was placed, and Skill, in the colours of Mr. Gilbert Johnstone, a prominent member of the National Hunt Committee, won by three lengths from Tarbouch II. The winner was sold to Colonel Herbert Lumsden, a former 12th Lancer, and now a rising Staff Officer, for 220 guineas.

Penalty Proves Too Much

Waylaid, a winner who had been beaten Santayana at Kempton Park, was saddled again for the Didcot Handicap Hurdle, and started favourite in spite of his penalty. This was too much for him, and he finished unplaced. Patrimony, who was second favourite, had a clear lead after turning into the straight, but after jumping the last flight he was caught and beaten a length by Ontario II., a French-bred horse that David Dale owns and trains. Night Owl finished a length away third.

Though several well-backed horses won, there was no successful favourite in the course of the afternoon. The last of them was Silver Bow II. in the United Services' Handicap Steeplechase, but he failed to give nearly 2st. to the bottom-weight, Lord Portal's Deminkoff, who beat him by a neck, Buckthorn finishing three lengths away, third.

Attractive 'Chase To-day

The second afternoon of the Newbury Meeting will be greatly brightened by the presence in the Lambourn Handicap Steeplechase of the Grand National winner, Royal Mail. Golden Miller, having had his successful little trot round at Wincanton on Monday, will be excused here, and so will Belted Hero, who won at Wolverhampton on the same day. Royal Mail seemed to be as good as even when a trifle backward in condition he won at Birmingham last month; but Mr. Lloyd Thomas's horse may not have it all his own way.

This will be all round a very attractive event, with such as Battleship, Provocative, and less well-known horses like Dominick's Cross and Dunhill Castle in the field. Dunhill Castle, after winning at Hawthorn Hill, finished third to Macaulay and Silver Bow II. at Sandown, where he had behind him Golden Miller, Battleship, Southern Hero—promising form this. Battleship, however, has a big advantage in the weights with him this time. There is a fine chance here for one or other of the younger horses to distinguish themselves, but the best selection may be ROYAL MAIL.

In the Berkshire Hurdle, the best chance seems to be that of POETIC LICENCE, and, in the Andover Handicap Steeplechase, LUCKPENNY may be best.

GALTEE MORE.

ROYAL MAIL GETS VOTE

"National" Winner Should Prove Equal to Newbury Task

ROYAL MAIL, the winner of this year's Grand National, will have his second race of the present season in the Lambourn Steeplechase at Newbury to-day. He will be giving weight away all round, but so impressive was his victory at Birmingham that I have every confidence in him winning again. With the possible exceptions of Golden Miller and Reynoldstown, I regard Royal Mail as our best fencer. He jumps fluently, and at Birmingham recently never made a mistake.

Dominick's Cross will give him a race. This capable jumper ran well when beating Noble Tipp and Kilcash Cross at Nottingham, and, while he will find himself up against something different this time, I look to him to put in a good race. Provocative was fourth to Macaulay at Sandown Park, and although Dunhill Castle finished in front of him there, the 3lb. difference may enable Provocative to reverse the placings.

Battleship and Brilliant Jack are a pair that will take beating, but I am confident that

ROYAL MAIL

will prove equal to the task of beating them all.

The Berkshire Hurdle will be contested by a good field. Numerous horses have claims, but I think I have named the winner in

POETIC LICENCE,

who missed an engagement yesterday. He has strong credentials, for he ran Honquan to half a length at Hurst Park, and I look to him to go one better here. Aldine will probably be the principal danger. He was second to Velvet Glove here at the beginning of the month, before running fourth to Mask and Wig at Sandown Park. He will not be far away at the finish. Fonds de Caisse has been going well at home, while a favourable note is made of Never Surprised.

The Andover Steeplechase may produce one of the best races of the day. Among those with chances are Custom House, Loyal Prince, Morse Code, Don Bosco, and Cakewalker. Custom House was beaten by Rightun at Birmingham, but he ran well up to a point, and failed for want of speed from the last fence. The distance this time is a mile less, and this will be more in his favour. Morse Code returns to the bigger obstacles after two unsuccessful attempts over hurdles, and, though well weighted, he should give a good account of himself. Cakewalker won a similar event here at the last meeting, and he followed that up by another success at Windsor. He must be considered, and so, too, must Loyal Prince, who is strongly fancied, despite his failure when beaten by Mollison and Papageno at Nottingham. Previous to that he won at Liverpool. Don Bosco has a good record, and will have a say in the finish, but, all things considered, it seems to me that

CUSTOM HOUSE

is entitled to preference, and the danger may be Cakewalker.

THE PENCIL

appears to have the best credentials for the Slough Hurdle. He was just too late with his effort when beaten by Cesarion at Windsor, and he should make up for that defeat here. The dangers are Remember II. and Touchez Pas.

HOT WATER

is taken to win the Wroughton Selling Hurdle, and

KIANG

receives the vote in the Wilts Selling Steeplechase.

NEWBURY RESULTS

1.0—THEALE (S.) HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE of £142. 2 m

Mr. G. Johnstone's br. h. SKILL, by Allagash—Ingenuity—Mr. P. Tait. 10-8 ..... R. Smyth 1
Mr. H. W. Blyth's TARBOUCH II., a, 10-10 ..... J. Fraser 2
Major Heyworth's DUTCH GOLD, a, 10-12 ..... (Owner) 3

Also ran—Courtesy (Mr. P. Herbert), Spurtle (Mr. Delahooke), Jus Premier (J. Whelpdale), Pitch Bowl (F. Walwyn), Ascetic's Pride (M. Doherty), Macarero (Mr. J. Dennistoun), Jack Ketch (D. Jones), Double Gloster (Mr. J. Crockett). (Winner trained by A. Douglas Pennant.)

Betting—11 to 4 each agst. Pitch Bowl and Courtesy, 4 to 1 SKILL, 6 to 1 Tarbouch II., 8 to 1 Jus Premier, 10 to 1 Spurtle, 100 to 8 Dutch Gold, 100 to 6 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 11/-; places, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6.

Won by three lengths; two lengths. Spurtle fourth, Jack Ketch last, Pitch Bowl fell. Winner sold to Colonel H. Lumsden for 220 guineas.

1.30—YATESBURY (S.) HURDLE of £142. 2 m.

Mrs. N. Roberts's b. h. RUBIS TOPAZE, by Clarissimus—Rosee, 4, 11-7 ..... T. Crabb 1
Mr. G. Duller's GALAPAS, a, 12-3 ..... D. Butchers 2
Mr. S. Wootton's SAY NOWT, 3, 10-7 ..... S. Ingham 3

Also ran—Escalais (J. Ward), My Pretty (H. Applin), Bridge Fiend (G. Spann), Tramaway (F. Gurney), Watteau (W. Parvin), Stage Coach (T. Elder), Spinner (F. Walwyn), Lady Pamela (Mr. A. Wingfield), Liscloon (M. Doherty), Priddy Hill (Mr. J. Hislop), Non Slip (T. F. Carey), Haut Merlin (Mr. A. Mildmay), Eliza (G. Pellerin), Blue Flash (J. Cutler), Majorca (F. Einstein), Colombetta (J. Dowdeswell), Hopyard (B. Hobbs), Penance (R. Smyth), Stymie (D. Jones), Sapacre (W. Myles), Peter's Gem (E. W. Jones), My Knight (A. Scratchley), Old Sport (G. Little). (Winner trained by Roberts.)

Betting—4 to 1 agst. Eliza, 11 to 2 each Galapas and Spinner, 7 to 1 each Say Nowt and Tramaway, 8 to 1 RUBIS TOPAZE, 100 to 8 Priddy Hill, 100 to 7 each Penance and Peter's Gem, 100 to 6 Non Slip, 20 to 1 Escalais, 25 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 23/9; places, 5/6, 5/-, 4/3.

Won by four lengths; three lengths. Spinner fourth, My Pretty last. Stage Coach fell. Winner bought in for 210 guineas.

2.0—READING STEEPLECHASE of £390. 2 m.

Mr. C. C. Pilkington's ch. g. SABLE MARTEN, by Soldennis—French Marten, 4, 12-1 ..... H. Nicholson 1
Mr. V. H. Smith's RED PRINCE, 5, 10-13 ..... T. F. Carey 2

Mr. R. J. Norbury's MOUNT HERMON, 5, 11-11 ..... P. Fitzgerald 3

Also ran—War Vessel (R. Hobbs), Rumplestiltskin (Mr. P. Tait), Lord Property (W. Fawcus), Fillip (T. Elder), Diogenes (W. Parvin), Bold Knight (E. Brown), Irish Morning (H. A. Jones), Liscarney (N. Dixon), The Talker II. (R. Burford), Warden's Bay (P. Walwyn). (Winner trained by Brisco.)

Betting—7 to 2 agst. Fillip, 4 to 1 SABLE MARTEN, 9 to 2 Lord Property, 11 to 2 Red Prince, 8 to 1 War Vessel, 10 to 1 each Bold Knight and The Talker, 100 to 8 Mount Hermon, 25 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 11/-; places, 4/3, 3/9, 8/9.

Won by six lengths; eight lengths. Bold Knight was fourth and Parsons Spring last. Liscarney fell.

2.30—DIDCOT HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.

Mr. D. Dale's ch. h. ONTARIO II., by Mont Bernina—Ombre, 5, 10-13 ..... D. Butchers 1
Major Bardwell's PATRIMONY, 6, 11-1 ..... A. Goodwill 2
Mr. J. H. Whitney's NIGHT OWL, 5, 10-10 ..... A. Scratchley 3

Also ran—Rasibus (E. Williams), Waylaid (J. Fawcus), Hors Bord (G. Wilson), Grey Crusader (L. Read), The Bore (T. F. Carey), Celibate II. (W. Hollick), Thimble (Capt. Harding), Shelly's Lane (T. Rimell), Tribulation (E. Brown), Krassawitz (W. Bartlam), Back Isle (D. Jones), Spanish State (S. Ingham), Irish Briar (Mr. P. Vaux). (Winner trained by Dale.)

Betting—3 to 1 agst. Waylaid, 4 to 1 each Patrimony and ONTARIO II., 100 to 8 each Thimble, Tribulation and The Bore, 100 to 7 each Night Owl, Back Isle, Spanish State and Hors Bord, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 8/3; places, 3/6, 4/-, 6/3.

Won by one length; same. Thimble was fourth and Krassawitz last.

3.0—JUVENILE HURDLE of £117. 1¼ m.

Mrs. C. Jones's br. g. MASTER COSMO, by Sir Cosmo—Willow Leaf, 10-10 ..... E. Foley 1
Mr. C. M. Kline's SILVER LANCE, 11-3 ..... W. Parvin 2
Mr. W. Murray's TERROR, 11-3 ..... T. Isaac 3

Also ran—Uncle Joe (E. Brown), Monitor (W. Bartlam) Alor Star (W. Redmond), Fragrant Memories (J. Moloney), Petioford (F. Gurney), Bagpipes (J. Lewis), Ullin's Daughter (G. Burry), Ethlet (D. Holman), Esau (J. Fawcus), Mafiusi (T. Rimell), Farthinghoe (R. Burford), Take Time (G. Wilson), Hrymfax (S. Ingham), Portpatrick (C. Mitchell), Whatnot (F. Walwyn), Giotto (G. Archibald), Princess Sonny (E. Taylor), Cygnet (P. T. Carey), Windsor Grene (C. Laver), Ora (J. Hamey), Parson's Spring (J. Baldwin). (Winner trained by Roberts.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Silver Lance, 5 to 2 Terror, 7 to 1 Esau, 100 to 8 Monitor, 100 to 7 each MASTER COSMO and Uncle Joe, 100 to 6 each Hrymfax and Fragrant Memories, 20 to 1 Alor Star, 25 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 44/3; places 3/9, 3/-, 3/6.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a short head. Hrymfax was fourth and Parsons Spring last.

3.30—UNITED SERVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE of £137. 3 m.

Lord Portal's ch. g. DEMINKOFF, by Apprehension—Bessie, a, 10-7 ..... Mr. J. Hislop 1
Mr. W. Nightingall's SILVER BOW II., 6, 12-8 ..... Mr. P. Herbert 2
Captain Clements's BUCKTHORN, a, 11-12 ..... Captain R. Harding 3

Also ran—Music Hall II. (Mr. J. Gordon), Persian Sun (Capt. R. Moseley), Final Choice (Capt. H. Phillips), Buck Willow (Capt. Roddick), Tom Piper (Mr. R. Petre), Parachute III. (Mr. J. Wigan), Capricho (Mr. T. Bayley), Vi Victrea (Mrs. J. Dennistoun). (Winner trained by H. Brown.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Silver Bow II., 3 to 1 Tom Piper, 6 to 1 DEMINKOFF, 10 to 1 each Persian Sun, Buck Willow and Parachute III., 100 to 7 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 16/9; places 4/6, 3/3, 7/-.

Won by a neck; three lengths. Persian Sun was fourth and Buck Willow last. Parachute III. fell.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE (10/- stake)—Sable Marten and Master Cosmo—Dividend, £133 9/-; pool £1,928; 13 winning tickets.

BALDOYLE RACES,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), JANUARY 1st.

First Race 1.0. Last Race 3.30.

THREE STEEPLECHASES, ONE FLAT and TWO HURDLE RACES.

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NEWBURY PROGRAMME

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS

Wroughton Hurdle—Hot Water.
Wilts Steeplechase—Kiang.
Lambourn Steeplechase—Royal Mail (nap).
Berkshire Hurdle—Poetic Licence.
Slough Hurdle—The Pencil.
Andover Steeplechase—Custom House.

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.

Royal Mail and Poetic Licence.

1.0—WROUGHTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
VITALITY (Mr. J. Leigh) ... E. Johnson	6	12	7
SILVER WAY (5th ex.) (Mr. G. S. Langlands) ..... Owner	4	12	7
PRIDDY HILL (Mr. W. Maiden) G. Todd	a	12	0
VELVET (Mr. J. E. Anthony) J. Anthony	6	12	0
PONAB (Mrs. E. D. Cohen) ... Powell	a	11	13
UNCANNY II. (5th ex.) (Col. Fairhurst) ..... Pease	a	11	13
LADY CONSUL (Mr. R. Tarry) V. Hobbs	5	11	9
CULBERTSON (Mr. T. Rayson) Rayson	a	11	7
KOTA (Mr. S. Wootton) ..... Wootton	4	11	7
MENU (Mrs. D. P. Dick) ..... D. Dick	5	11	7
HOT WATER (Mr. H. Lester) G. Todd	5	11	5
TIM TAG (Mr. J. Avery) ..... Roberts	a	11	5
GYPSY II. (Mrs. M. Burke) ... Laurence	a	11	3
MR. TICKLER (Mr. G. Lees-Milne) ..... Goode	5	11	3
LUMIAR (Lieut.-Colonel Middleton) ..... Willett	a	11	3
HIJITO (Mrs. P. Nicholls)...P. Nunneley	5	11	3
SCINTILLANT (Colonel Halse) ..... W. Nightingall	5	11	2
SUCCESSFUL (Mr. W. E. Devesco) ..... Hodges	a	11	0
BUENA ESPERANZA (Mrs Jones) ..... Roberts	4	11	0
JAP (Mr. J. Beary) ..... Pulford	a	11	0
BLACK EAGLE (Mr. G. B. Bates) ..... E. Harper	6	11	0
ADYAR (Mr. H. S. Persse) H. Harrison	4	10	13
PAHOKEE (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. Brown	a	10	12
EAST INDIES (Mr. A. France) ..... Lawrence	6	10	12
RED HACKLE (Mr. P. Hands) J. Wood	6	10	12
ROYAL SPA (Mr. T. Venn) ...Gubbins	a	10	11
PHARNACE (Mrs. Harrett) ..... Goode	4	10	11
PRIM AND PROPER II. (Mr. H. Isaacs) ..... Roberts	a	10	10
JACK SILVER (Mr. L. T. Holt) Private	5	10	10
LEMON CURD (Mrs. N. Waddington) ..... Goode	4	10	10
BULAND DAR (Mr. R. Hodges) Hodges	a	10	6
INVERESHIE (Mr. T. Hanbury) J. Beary	5	10	5
BRAY COTTAGE (Mr. Jackson) Powell	a	10	2
THE KITE (Mr. L. Young) ...H. Young	6	10	2
THE BLACK WITCH (Mrs. Pilkington) ..... Powell	4	10	0
INTELLIGENT BOY (Miss M. Poole) ..... Poole	6	10	0
SILVANI (Capt. Thompson) ...Thompson	a	10	0
GOOD SHOW (Mr. J. L. Hall) ...J. Hall	6	10	0
JASPER GUY (Mr. J. E. Millwater) ..... F. Gurney	6	10	0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
211	VITALITY	8/1
211	SILVER WAY	13/2
200	GIPSY II.	20/1
320	YELDY ..... A. Scratchley	20/1
100	FONAB ..... E. C. Brown	100/6
041	UNCANNY II. ..... L. Martin	100/8
024	CULBERTSON ..... Mr. Blyth	20/1
300	KOTA ..... A. Thompson	20/1
000	TINKER ..... W. Hollick	20/1
322	HOT WATER ..... S. Ingham	7/2
000	TIM TAG ..... T. Crabb	20/1
003	LUNIAR ..... R. Gough	100/6
300	HIJITO ..... M. Nicholson	10/1
440	SCINTILLANT ..... G. Pellerin	100/8
100	JAP ..... J. Moloney	20/1
023	PAHOKEE ..... H. Nicholson	100/8
400	RED HACKLE	20/1
000	ROYAL SPA ..... Capt. Harding	20/1
000	PHARNACE	20/1
040	PRIM AND PROPER II. D. L. Jones	20/1
000	JACK SILVER ..... J. Goodgame	20/1
021	LEMON CURD	5/1
000	BULAND DAR ..... J. Hickey	20/1
010	THE KITE	20/1
403	INTELLIGENT BOY...Colin Richards	100/6
000	JASPER GUY ..... F. Gurney	20/1

D. Butchers rides either Silver Way or Lemon Curd.

1.30—WILTS SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
LINBY HALL (Mr. A. Berry) ... Gosden	a	12	3
KIANG (Mr. J. Corbould) ... Rayson	a	12	3
SPURTLE (Mrs. Delahooke) ...McMullen	a	12	3
LARIGOT (Mr. T. Dosnos) ... Woodland	6	12	3
ENVY (Capt. S. Freeman) J. Reardon	a	12	3
KILWHANG (Mr. P. Gee) R. Champney	6	12	3
WOOLLY (Mr. D. Guthrie) ... J. Beary	a	12	3
FAIRYHILL (Mr. F. Hartigan) ...Owner	a	12	3
COURTESY (Mr. P. Herbert) ..... W. Nightingall	a	12	3
ADAMANT (Mrs. C. Jones) ... Roberts	a	12	3
NORWOOD HILL (Mr. de Lotbiniere) ..... H. Whiteman	a	12	3
ARTIST'S LORE (Mr. Moraville) ..... Freke	a	12	3
TRUE COUNT (Mr. F. Peek) Hemsworth	a	12	3
THANOS (Mr. T. Rayson) ..... Rayson	a	12	3
VILIGENT (Mr. P. Smith) W. Nightingall	a	12	3
THIEFFRY (Mr. G. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs	a	12	3
NAPOLITAINE (Mr. A. Gillson) Freake	5	12	3
SHY MONK (Mr. A. Gillson) ..... Freake	4	11	6

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	LINBY HALL ..... D. Butchers	9/1
011	KIANG ..... J. Fraser	2/1
000	LARIGOT ..... T. F. Morgan	7/2
010	ENVY ..... L. Read	100/7
210	KILWHANG ..... W. Redmond	6/1
000	WOOLLY ..... M. Doherty	100/7
020	ADAMANT ..... D. Jones	9/2
000	ARTIST'S LORE ..... G. Turner	100/7
004	VILIGENT ..... Mr. P. Smith	10/1
020	NAPOLITAINE ..... F. Gurney	100/7

2.0—LAMBOURN H'CAP STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs. 3 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
GOLDEN MILLER (7lb. ex.) (Miss D. Paget) ..... Anthony	a	13	0
BELTED HERO (12lb ex) (Ld. Penrhyn) ..... Norris	a	12	13
ROYAL MAIL (Mr. Thomas) I. Anthony	a	12	4
KELLSBORO' JACK (Mrs. Clark) ..... I. Anthony	a	12	4
SOUTHERN HERO (Mr. J. Rank) Evans	a	12	3
BATTLESHIP (Mrs. M. Scott) R. Hobbs	a	11	11
COOLEEN (Mr. J. V. Rank) ..... Evans	a	11	6
DOMINICK'S CROSS (Mr. A. Dunn) ..... W. Payne	6	11	4
BRILLIANT JACK (Mrs. Nicholson) ..... C. Langlands	a	11	3
ROCKQUILLA (Mr. V. Smith)...Beeby	a	10	12
BLUE BANNER II. (Mr. L. Stoddard) ..... I. Anthony	a	10	11
DELACHANCE (Mr. J. Snow) .....Beeby	a	10	9
BUCKTHORN (Capt. Clements) ..... Master of Gray	a	10	7
PROVOCATIVE (Mrs. de Selincourt) ..... J. Anthony	a	10	7
RED FREEMAN (Mr. Goodbody) ..... P. Thrale	6	10	6
SNOWDEN (Mr. Hornung) ..... W. Nightingall	6	10	5
AND HOW (Mr. O. Jackson).....Lilley	a	10	4
DUNHILL CASTLE (Sir W. Chilcott) ..... H. Lowe	a	10	4
TAOS (Mr. E. G. Pease) ..... Pease	a	10	3
SILENT JACK (Col. Robinson)....Powell	5	10	3
SKY KNIGHT (Mr. Prinsep).....Bankier	6	10	2
OSTEND (Lt.-Col. Stewart)...P. Stewart	a	10	1
ROONEY (Mr. Caxalet) ....H. Whiteman	a	10	0
POOR'S HILL (Mr. Akroyd).....Bankier	a	10	0
LANCEHEAD (Lady Normanton) ..... Private	a	10	0
HERODOTUS (Mr. Ewing).....Forwood	a	10	0
NOCR ARGENT (Col. Foljambe) Owner	4	10	0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
311	ROYAL MAIL ..... E. Williams	9/2
210	BATTLESHIP ..... B. Hobbs	7/2
101	DOMINICK'S CROSS ... H. Nicholson	11/2
210	BRILLIANT JACK	10/1
511	SILENT JACK ..... R. Brown	10/1
004	PROVOCATIVE ..... A. Scratchley	10/1
000	AND HOW	20/1
013	DUNHILL CASTLE ..... F. Walwyn	7/1
010	OSTEND ..... G. Wilson	100/8
130	POOR'S HILL	20/1
040	HERODOTUS ... G. Owen or J. Ward	20/1

2.30—BERKSHIRE HURDLE RACE of 400 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
WAYLAID (Mr. J. Rank) ..... Evans	5	13	1
SAMARKAND (Dowager Lady Penrhyn) ..... D. Pennant	5	12	3
TOP O' THE MORNIN' (Mr. J. Rank) ..... Evans	5	12	3
FONDS DE CAISSE (Mrs. Smith-Bingham) ..... Beeby	5	12	3
PRINCE ACHILLE (M. P. Wertheimer) ..... F. Hartigan	5	12	3
GREEK LIFE (Mr. Clark) ...H. Anthony	4	11	12
TEDDY THE BOLD (Mrs. Clark) ..... R. Hobbs	4	11	12
STRAIGHT DEAL (Mr. N. Frieze) ..... H. Leach	4	11	12
BYDAND (Mr. R. Gordon).....D. Rogers	4	11	12
ALDINE (Lord Harewood)..... Barrett	4	11	12
VELVET CUSHION (Mr. Marsh)..Owner	4	11	12
DIXIE KID (Lord Mildmay).H. Whiteman	4	11	12
DIOSMA (Mr. J. Morant)...Hemsworth	4	11	12
PRESSIT (Mrs. N. Roberts).....Roberts	4	11	12
CORPACH (Mr. G. Whitelaw)..W. Stubbs	4	11	12
OFFICERS' MESS (Mr. Bailey)..Bisgood	3	10	7
PONDRA (Mr. Besner)...W. Nightingall	3	10	7
PAT HARLING (Mr. Brennan).G. Wilson	3	10	7
FLY-WHEEL (Mr. E. Gwilt).....Gwilt	3	10	7
DUCTILE (Mr. F. A. Hall.....F. Gurney	3	10	7
MONK LAW (Col. Halse).W. Nightingall	3	10	7
PORT SUNLIGHT (Mr. H. Holloway) ..... A. Smyth	3	10	7
DOMENICO (Mr. T. Hooley)...Laurence	3	10	7
BROAD OAKS (Mr. Hutchinson)....Hurt	3	10	7
POETIC LICENCE (Sir M. McAlpine) ..... I. Anthony	3	10	7
PRINCE MEMNON (Lord Normanton) ..... Private	3	10	7
NEVER SURPRISED (Lord Portal) ..... H. Brown	3	10	7
ACHILL (Mr. J. Whitney)...J. Anthony	3	10	7
JOCULATOR (Mr. J. Whitney).J. Anthony	3	10	7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
0	SAMARKAND ..... E. Smyth	100/7
000	TOP O' THE MORNING...F. Murray	100/6
	FONDS DE CAISSE ..... F. Walwyn	100/8
	GREEK LIFE ..... R. Burford	100/6
024	ALDINE ..... ——	13/2
	VELVET CUSHION	8/1
40	DIXIE KID ..... Mr. A. Mildmay	10/1
0	PRESSIT ..... T. Crabb	100/6
00	OFFICERS' MESS	100/6
000	PONDRA ..... E. C. Taylor	100/6
	PAT HARLING	100/6
	FLY-WHEEL ..... J. Hamey	100/6
	DUCTILE ..... F. Gurney	100/6
0	MONK LAW ..... S. Ingham	100/30
240	DOMENICO ..... H. Nicholson	10/1
020	BROAD OAKS ..... W. Hollick	8/1
32	POETIC LICENCE ..... E. Williams	5/1
00	PRINCE MEMNON	100/6
0	NEVER SURPRISED ..... E. Brown	100/8
000	ACHILL ..... A. Scratchley	100/6

3.0—SLOUGH HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
MASK AND WIG (7lb. ex.) (Mr. J. H. Whitney) ..... J. Anthony	4	12	8
LOST PROPERTY (Mr. Rank) ....Evans	6	12	7
IRISH STEW (Miss Jameson) ....Beeby	5	12	7
APPLE PERL (Maj. J. Evans) ...Tabor	a	12	6
BRAVE MIC (Capt. V. Blundell) ...Dale	4	12	2
PRESSIT (Mrs. N. Roberts) .....Roberts	4	12	2
BERKS AND BUCKS (Mr. Lister) ..... Hedges	4	12	2
LAGGOPEDE (Capt. T. N. Hone) Beeby	a	11	10
TINKER (Mr. G. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs	6	11	8
000	MIDGUARD ..... H. Jones	20/1
400	SNAEFELL ..... G. Spann	20/7
040	LISIC	20/1
044	DUNKERY	20/1
023	PAHOKEE	20/1
400	LINCOLN LASS	20/1
000	SWEEPSTAKES ..... A. Scratchley	20/1
040	SHANDYGAFF	20/1

3.30—ANDOVER HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE of 150 sovs.

	Age	st.	lb.
AIRGEAD SIOS (5 r. F. Towler)	a	12	7
MORSE CODE (Lt.-Col. D. C. ..... Anthony	a	12	5
CUSTOM HOUSE (Mrs. V. ..... Powell	6	12	2
LUCKPENNY (Mrs. H. M. ..... Payne	a	11	11
RATHASKA (Mr. L. a. ..... Elwell	a	11	9
CAKEWALKER (Mrs. ..... Hobbs	5	11	8
BEL ET BON (Mr. W. ..... Stubbs	6	11	8
ROMAN CHIEF (Mr. ..... Langlands	6	11	4
LOYAL PRINCE ..... Beeby	a	11	3
DON BOSCO (Mr. ..... Evans	a	11	0
MARCONI (Mr. ..... Barrett	5	10	13
VEINARDE (G. ..... H. Smyth	5	10	13
NOVGOROD (Mr. ..... Bissill	5	10	11
TRESCA (Mrs. ..... Powell	6	10	11
KHRIS KINGLE ..... W. Nightingall	6	10	11
LA TOUCHE (Mr. A. Clark) ..... I. Anthony	5	10	9
ROCK LAD (Mr. ..... F. Furlong	a	10	8
BONDSMAN (Mr. ..... F. Hartigan	6	10	8
LOVELY HERD (Mrs. W. Chilcott) ..... H. Lowe	a	10	7
GRAPPLER (Mr. ..... G. Wilson	a	10	4
SAN LUIS REY (Mr. A. Pilkington) ..... Goode	a	10	3
RUMERHAM (Mr. C. A. Lister) ...Pulford	6	10	3
DARK RAVINE (Mrs. D. M. Moon) ..... Forwood	a	10	1
KILTOI (Mr. J. Metcalf) ...H. Harrison	a	10	1
MORPHINE (Mr. G. Hennessy) ..... Bankier	5	10	0
ARTESIAN (Mr. N. B. Dixon) P. Thrale	a	10	0
LINBY HALL (Mr. A. J. Berry) Gosden	a	10	0
XENON (Mr. D. A. Jackson) ...Powell	6	10	0
JOLLY YEOMAN (Mr. F. C. Kiddle) ..... Lefebve	4	10	0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
300	MORSE CODE ..... E. Williams	9/1
103	CUSTOM HOUSE ..... T. Rimell	9/2
213	LUCKPENNY ..... Capt. Moseley	100/7
011	CAKEWALKER ..... R. Hobbs	6/1
101	ROMAN CHIEF ..... H. Nicholson	13/2
013	LOYAL PR

ATION FOOTBALL

ENGLAND WON BY 13-2

IRISH DEFEAT AT KER RECALLED

Bach, a former English inter-back and a member of the Foot-ation Council, died at Middles-erday. He was 64 years of age. ng for Middlesbrough as an went to Reading and captained n League side. Later he joined and while there he gained his inst Ireland in 1899. The match t Roker Park, England winning to 2.

s duties on the F.A. Council Mr. member of the Football League Committee, on the International mmittee, President of the North gue and a Vice-President of the g Football Association.

of the Middlesbrough F.A. board for 24 years, he was chairman of ing the greater part of that time to build up the sound position lesbrough now occupies in the ld.

s prowess as a footballer Mr. Bach golfer and notable cricketer.

ge Allison, manager of Arsenal, Middlesbrough man, paid the fol-te to Mr. Bach: "His passing is ss to the game. He was a shrewd ting legislator, a man of strong ally backed by logic and common-with it all a loyal friend and a anion."

STATE LEAGUE MATCH

POINTS DIVIDED AT LIMERICK

..... 1 SLIGO ROVERS... 1

poned Free State League match nerick and Sligo Rovers took place s yesterday, and resulted in a side scoring once. It was a both sets of forwards shooting urately, and on two occasions, the Sligo centre-forward, missed ul. The home team had more of ut Sligo had the better openings, have won had they been able to f them. Both goalkeepers made ent saves, and the defences were n top, Rooney, a newcomer, show-ng form at full-back for Sligo. ptes from the intervals Cummins cross-pass to O'Neill, who centred to beat Cranston with a hard t. The equaliser came shortly restart. Litherland was brought e going through the centre, and enalty kick which resulted, Elliott eams:—

Douglas; O'Mahony, Cotter; Connelly, mmins; O'Neill, Noonan, Smith, D.

ers—Cranston; Rooney, Kilfeather, th, Miller, Elliott, Hughes, Lither dy, Monaghan.

OUND CLOSED

N BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

n Crewe yesterday, a Commission ball Association decided that the Crewe Alexandra F.C. should be fourteen days from January 3. on was reached after the Com-sided over by Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, d into incidents at the conclusion Cup tie between Crewe Alexandra righton on December 11. The match ned eight minutes from time.

liffe stated that the Commission d that, on the evidence produced, ection of the spectators committed towards the referee, Mr. J. Snape a New Brighton player, and the on trainer. Having regard to the ued to the Crewe club in October, had decided: (1) That the ground or fourteen days from January 3; warning notices to spectators be the ground; (3) Crewe to pay the e Commission.

CHESTER UNITED'S NEW HALF-BACK

er United yesterday secured the m Liverpool of Ted Savage, a ack. The fee is believed to be ghbourhood of £1,500. Savage, feet, tall and weighs 12st. 7lb., pool from Lincoln City nearly o. He will play for his new castle United on Saturday.

L TO LEAGUE MATCH T STOCKPORT

d Division match between Stock-r and Bradford at Stockport on 3 has had a sequel in the form of the Stockport Club to the Foot-and the Football Association.

Barlow, Stockport's chairman yesterday declined to discuss the he matter while the authorities ting. He stated that the only fact veal was that a report had been League and the F.A. with regard to match. The Football Association t a report had been received from and that this was being given

FOOTBALL

ER OUT OF WELSH TRIAL

anner, the Swansea and Welsh scrum half, who was injured Day, will be unable to play for es against the Possibles in the rial match at Swansea on Satur-ace will be taken by G. Morgan

I UNION SUSPENDS WO PLAYERS

Rugby Union, meeting at Car-nt, considered incidents arising ydney and Monmouth game re-the Monmouth team walked off e Union decided to suspend the Monmouth Club, Frank Morris, hs, and another player, whose announced, for one month. The nned the club from taking part on Saturday next.

ON-IRISH RECORD

of the London-Irish first XV, for o date is—Played 15 matches, points for 133, against 121.

HOOLBOYS' MATCH.

	Pts.		Pts.
.....	18	Monkstown.....	3

DAY'S FIXTURES

r Schools v. Old Belvedere, Bally-

r Schools v. C.Y.M.S., Lansdowne

nior Schools.—D. N. Simonds; D. H. Rutherford, N. Wood, D. Lilburn, W. D. Woods; J. H. Ryder, R. Lee, A. Hamilton, A. R. Pilsworth, R. Leary, G. Mol-

nior Schools—G. M. Rowe; E. F. H. Gaw, B. Davis, L. Starkie; V. Briscoe; R. Callaghan (capt.); Morrow, J. P. Stevens, J. Avison, V. Figgis.

ROW'S FIXTURES

KICK-OFF, 2.45.

v. Bective Rangers. Williams

niarf. Lansdowne road.

anderers. Donnybrook.

Belvedere. Sydney Parade.

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BOXING

BRITISH CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP

N.S.C. CLAIM FOR HOUGH-McAVOY FIGHT

The Stewards of the British Boxing Board of Control are to consider the application of the National Sporting Club for recognition of the match between Jock McAvoy (holder) and Frank Hough as for the British cruiser-weight championship. Yesterday the N.S.C. Committee ratified the suggested match, which they hope to stage at Earl's Court in February.

Mr. Charles Donnmall, secretary of the Board, states that the application will be discussed at a Stewards' meeting on Wednesday next. "We received the letter all right," said Mr. Donnmall, "but no contracts were enclosed." The usual procedure in applying for a championship "label" includes the forwarding of contracts signed by the principals.

FARR'S CHIEF WORRY

DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SPARRING PARTNERS

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Tommy Farr, the British heavy-weight champion, began his preparations for his fight with Jim Braddock on January 21 at his Summit, New Jersey, training camp to-day. Farr, who has just arrived from Toronto, where he had acted as second to Mog Mason, the Welsh bantam-weight, said that he intended boxing every day from now until the Braddock fight.

"My chief worry at present," he said, "is finding sparring partners who will be strong enough to test me. My only lapse from strict training will be taken to-morrow evening, when I intend to gratify a long-standing wish to spend New Year's Eve in New York."

IRISH BANTAM CHAMPION OUTPOINTED

In the principal bout at Chapel Fields, Belfast, last night Frank Kenny (Glasgow) outpointed Jackie Quinn (Belfast), the Irish bantam-weight champion. Quinn hardly landed a damaging blow and in the last couple of rounds took a lot of punishment. In a ten rounds contest Bert Nichol (Glasgow) and Chuck Flannigan (Belfast) boxed a draw.

WARNOCK'S NEXT FIGHT

Jim Warnock, the Irish fly-weight champion, is keenly pursuing his claim to meet Benny Lynch for the world title and is planning several contests for the new year. He is to meet Al McCoy, the Welsh fly-weight, over ten rounds in Belfast on January 10.

PIERRE LOUIS DEPRIVED OF TITLE

PARIS, Thursday.

Pierre Louis, the French fly-weight champion, who recently beat Tiny Bostock at Liverpool, has been deprived of his title because he failed to defend it before December 24, as required by the French Federation.

BAERLUND BEATS LOVELL

NEW YORK, Thursday.

In one of the eliminating fights to find a challenger for Joe Louis's world heavy-weight title, Gunnar Baerlund, of Finland, last night outpointed Alberto Lovell, of the Argentine, in a ten round contest at the New York Hippodrome.

It was a gruelling battle, in which Lovell twice seemed on the point of being knocked out, and he took only one round to Baerlund's eight, the other being even.

Tommy Farr was introduced from the ring, and was given a warm welcome by the 3,000 crowd.

COURSING

BORRIS-IN-OSSORY—TO-MORROW

MONEYMORE STAKES AND DWYER CUP (for 3 dog puppies).

Mr. J O'Dea's Master Man v. Mr. M. J. Coolohan's Coolthorn; Mr. J. O'Dea's Dark Mister, a bye.

BALLYTARSNA STAKES (for 12 bitch puppies).

Mr. M. O'Mara's Molly's Sister v. Mr. B. Reddin's Dolly H.; Mr. G. Barry's La Colondrina v. Mr. A. Delaney's Queen of the Ridge; Mr. T. McGlinn's Tea Cosy v. Mr. M. Delahunty's Bold Lassie; Mr. M. J. Tubridy's Gilbey v. Mr. T. Duffy's Rathcabin. Mr. J. Long's Mac's Fancy v. Mr. M. Farrell's More Frivolous; Mr. M. Hayes's Hold Me Right v. Mr. J. Doyle's Beautiful Rattle.

OSSORY STAKE (for 8 all ages).

Mr. W. Comerford's Cutlets Classic v. Miss T. Kenny's Bob Cormac; Mr. P. Ryan's Sure Eyes v. Mr. E. Clerihan's Lisboney Bridge; Miss Holland's Hall Squashed v. Miss Dunphy's Dancing Through; Miss J. Gleeson's Lyon's Fare v. Mr. M. Corrigan's Dowd's Angie.

RUSHALL STAKES (for 11 two-courses all ages).

Mr. C Wallace's Hillside Dickey v. Mr. R. A. Lewis's Armed Leader; Mr. E. Brennan's Band of Brave v. Mr. P. Bergin's Hergoff; Miss M. Phelan's Automac v. Mr. T. Ryan's Bellawood Boy; Mr. F. Foley's Red Tin v. Mr. M. Mullaly's Cork Ensign; Miss Fanning's Finishing Touch v. Mr. T. McCormack's Glencarboro'; Mr. T. Barry's Dark Polly a bye.

CASTLE STAKES (for 16 one-course all ages).

Mr P Bergin's Barnacure v. Mr. T. Tunning's McCarthy; Mr. D. Egan's Kilcommon Boy v. Mr. C. Wallace's Breezy Corner; Mr. P. Bean's Racoon Buck v. Miss K. O'Callaghan's Grose; Mr. M. J. Holohan's Redwood Master v. Mr. G. J. Bracken's Fancy Royal; Mr. J. Kert's Sinnews of War v. Mr. J. Scott's Black Castle Girl; Mr. M. J. Coolohan's B Cooler v. Mr. J. Fingleton's Finebos; Mr. C. Burns's Never No Luck v. Miss M. Phean's Peggy Pine; Mr. J. Fox's Reel Rambler v. Mr. R. Minogue's Blushing Lie.

CASTLE STAKES NO. 2.

Mr. T. Luby's Night Alarm v. Messrs. Fogarty and Fitzpatrick's Flying Steeple; Mr. P. Bergin's Clonboro' Boy v. Mr. M. Delahunty's Jovial Lad; Mr. M. Noonan's Nippy Dandy v. Mr. J. Bergin's Monarism; Mr. J. Bolger's Jane Swift v. Mr. J. Hyland's Hyland Waves; Mr. J. Kennedy's Cullen's Actress v. Mr. J. Duggan's Bleeding Champion.

First brace in slips at 11 o'clock.

COURSING — Notes of General Interest by a well-known authority and Reports of Meetings appear in "THE IRISH FIELD," published every Saturday. —(Advt.)

BANDON—TO-MORROW

TRIAL STAKES. For 16 dog puppies.

Mr. W. Magnier's Merry Major v. Mr. W. J. Smyth's Gallant Outlaw; Mr. D. Riordan's Dolly Dee v. Mr. D. Kelly's Framework Again; Mr. Corkery's Carntobar v. Mr. N. Roche's Coronagh Rattler; Mr. D. Murphy's Barryreel v. Mr. P. O'Donovan's Pretty Falcon; Miss M. Shipsey's Munnier Right v. Mr. J. Barry's Midleton Again; Mr. T. Limerick's Kilbeg Star v. Mr. D. Barry's Rambling Red; Mr. R. Grennan's Golden Strand v. Mr. D. Gleeson's Valiant Rover; Mr. C. Murphy's Sprig of Royalty v. Mr. S. Fitzgerald's Fountainstown.

TRIAL STAKES. For 16 bitch puppies.

Mr. P. Smyth's Silvery Sea v. Mr. M. Donegan's Thady's Fancy; Mr. R. Forest's Misery v. Mr. M. O'Leary's Captain's Lily; Mr. A. Hegarty's Reenigbe Colleen v. Mr. W. Walsh's Coburg Maid; Mr. T. White's Pretty Twister v. Mr. P. O'Brien's Ocean Mystery; Mr. T. B. O'Connell's Welwine v. Mr. E. F. McDonnell's Magic Doll; Mr. D. Barry's Bouncing Bill v. Mr. J. Hayes's May Toscan; Mrs. Best Set; Mr. N. T. O'Driscoll's Olive's Pet v. Mr. J. Coffey's Roving A.

CASTLE BERNARD STAKES. For 8 all ages.

Mr. M. Murphy's Keelside v. Mr. H. Woods's O'Mahony's Beef; Mr. W. Bergin's Hergoff; Miss M. Groman Whalebone v. Mr. M. F. Coleman's Carroll's Gift; Miss K. Mullins's Course View Lady Mr. T. Murphy's Pearl Luck; Mrs. H. Mullen's Erin's Guide v. Mr. J. O'Neill's Deeside Lassi.

DUFFER STAKES. For 8 two-course all ages.

Mr. W. Ambrose's Rainy Mover v. Mr. H. Woods's Lizard Best; Mr. S. O'Leary's Old Nut v. Mr. M. Murphy's Mythical Major; Mr. E. P. Brady's Small Brandy Please v. Mrs. M. Kenedy's Glenatore Lass; Mr. P. O'Driscoll's Naclina v. Mr. T. O'Donovan's Farmer's Cross Belle.

SWEEPSTAKE AND MURPHY CUP. For 12 one-courses all ages.

Mr. R. T. Whitley's Shingbory v. Mr. S. O'Leary's Blarney Calling; Mr. D. O'Driscoll's Laugh Minstrel v. Mr. F. Coleman's Outbreak; Mr. Thos. Lane's Grillagh Mr. E. O'Leary's Deputy Lieutenant; Mrs. J. Mullins's Lass Paper v. Mr. W. Crowley's Rattling Fawn; Mr. J. O'Reilly's Master v. Mr. W. B. Donnelly's Brittas Beauty; Mr. F. McCarthy's Portland Lady v. Mr. P. Conkley's Lady Gilbert.

First brace in slips at 12 o'clock.

CRICKET

A "TIP" FOR TEST MATCHES

SIR P. WARNER RECALLS HIS EARLY DAYS

"If you find anyone laying 2 to 1 on the Australians take it; if you find anyone laying 3 to 1 on take it quicker." This was a tip for next year's Test matches between England and Australia given last night by Sir Pelham Warner, Chairman of the Test Selection Committee. "I think we have got a good chance," he said. "I am a glorious optimist. I have always been an optimist, and I have won many a match by being an optimist. I don't believe in being a pessimist."

Sir Pelham, who was speaking on "Cricket Reminiscences" at the *News-Chronicle* Schools Exhibition in London, recalled that he began his cricketing as a very little boy in the West Indies, playing in a nightshirt at six o'clock in the morning to the bowling of a black boy nicknamed "Booboul." Even then, he said, he had a strong on-drive, and when the windows of his father's house, which were on the on-side, were broken, "Booboul" wished to excuse him to his father by the remark, "Mr. Warner, he make good batsman when he grow big, sir."

NEW SOUTH WALES TO PLAY A NEW BATSMAN

SYDNEY, Thursday.

New South Wales are introducing a new batsman to Sheffield Shield cricket in their match against Queensland, which begins on Saturday at Brisbane. He is B. McCauley, Randwick's accomplished opening batsman, whose present grade cricket average is 72.8. He will take the place of A. Cheetham, who has not proved a success. Another change is that F. Mair, Balmain's slow spin bowler, is brought back. Victor Jackson, who injured his knee in the last match, will be unable to play. The team is:—S. J. McCabe (capt.), E. Crossan, S. Barnes, A. Chipperfield, B. McCauley, J. H. Fingleton, E. S. White, W. A. Oldfield, W. J. O'Reilly, F. Mair and L. O'Brien. Twelfth man—J. Fitzpatrick.

NEW ZEALAND ADOPTS EIGHT-BALL OVER

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The New Zealand Cricket Council has approved the use of the eight-ball over for first-class matches. Hitherto New Zealand has used the six-ball over, and now falls into line with Australia and South Africa, where the eight-ball over is used.

INDIAN TEAM MAY VISIT AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It is stated here that a first-class Indian cricket team, led by the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar and K. S. Duleepsinhji, is expected to visit Australia during the 1938-9 season. The Jam Sahib is President of the Indian Cricket Board of Control, and would captain the side with Duleepsinhji as vice-captain. Duleepsinhji recently returned to India after a period for convalescence in Switzerland. He will rest further before playing cricket again.

GOLF

AMERICAN V. BRITISH LADIES

The date of the international match for the Curtis Cup, between women golfers of Great Britain and the United States, has been fixed for September 7 and 8. It will be played at the Essex County Club, Manchester, Massachusetts, to which the Misses Margaret and Harriet Curtis, donors of the cup, belong.

Other American women's fixtures arranged are:—Open championship—Cherry Hills, Englewood, Colorado, June 9, 10 and 11; amateur championship—Oakmont Country Club, Pennsylvania, September 12 to 17; women's amateur championship—Westmoreland Country Club, Illinois, September 19 to 24.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS

SUTTON.

To-morrow—Medals, 12 holes, strokes.

CLONTARF.

To-morrow—Fourball, bogey, 9 holes.

HERMITAGE.

To-morrow—Club Cup, 9 holes, bogey.

OLDGASTLE.

Christmas Mixed Foursomes (9 holes)—E. F. Crean and Miss R. Grace, 55½; T. Lydon and D. Slattery, 36.

ELM PARK.

Ladies' Branch.—Postponed monthly medal. Class 1—Mrs. L. V. Buckley and Miss O'Rahilly, each 5 down; Class 2—Miss K. Buckley, 4 down. To-morrow—Monthly medal, 9 holes, strokes. Usual draw.

FOXROCK.

Ladies.—Tuesday next — Medal finals and sweepstake, open to non-finalists. Draws 10.15 and 10.30. General meeting 2 o'clock. Qualified for medal finals:—Class I.—Mrs. O'Reilly, Miss H. Wallis, Miss Gildea, Mrs. Whitcroft, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. Miley, Miss A. Darley, Miss P. Myerscough. Class II.—Mrs. Howe, Mrs. J. Whitcroft, Mrs. O'D. Browne, Mrs. T. V. Murphy, Mrs. J. Irwin, Miss U. Greene, Miss L. Dromgoole, Mrs. D. Collins.

HOCKEY

PRINCIPAL FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Y.M.C.A. v. Pembroke Wanderers. Claremont road.
Naas v. Dublin University. Naas.
Three Rock Rovers v. Monkstown. Londonbridge road.

QUALIFYING LEAGUE.

Imperial Tobacco Co. v. Avoca School. Crumlin.

IRISH JUNIOR CUP.

Grangegorman v. Clonliffe. Grangegorman.
College of Surgeons v. Y.M.C.A. 2nd. Bird avenue.
Three Rock Rovers 3rd v. Fingal. Templeogue.
Waterford v. Three Rock Rovers 2nd. Waterford.
Portrane v. Ierne. Portrane.
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Lido v. Corinthians 2nd. The Stiles.
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ANGLING

EARLY SALMON FISHING

On New Year's Day salmon fishing will open on three well-known rivers—the Lennan, which contains the famous "Pool of Ramelton," owned by Sir Harry Stewart, Bart.; the Lackagh (Rosapenna Hotel and the Irish Land Commission), and the Bundrowes—all three in the north-west. These rivers were in heavy spate this week, and it is possible that clean run salmon will enter them. Indeed, there is an ancient tradition that the Lennan holds clean run salmon the year round, so varied are its visitations. The pool is usually leased and its record as a salmon yielder is second to none.

LISMORE HATCHERY

Lismore hatchery—one of the two State-controlled hatcheries, the other being Glenties—turned into various rivers last spring about 640,000 salmon fry. Of these, 40,000 were sent to the Liffey, 66,000 to the Ilen, 12,000 to Castlebar, 130,000 to the Maigue, 98,000 to the Feale, either directly or indirectly, and the balance went to the Blackwater.

Some distribution of brown trout fry was made in various rivers, such as 73,500 in the Liffey and Tolka, from Lough Owel hatchery; 3,000 in the Boyne, Blackwater, 10,000 in Brittas Ponds, 9,700 in the Bray, 28,000 in the Lee, 10,000 in the Launey and Sullane, 20,000 in the Feale, 20,000 in the Inny, 14,000 in the Castlebar, 9,700 in the feeders of Lough Conn and Lough Cullen, 34,400 in the Annalee, and 22,000 in the Rosses lakes—all from Lough Owel experimental hatchery.

THE DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1937

A Very Critical Year: British Industrials Disappointing

BRIGHT LOCAL MARKETS

ANOTHER year has come to a close, and we pause on the threshold of a New Year to cast a glance back on the events of 1937. To most of us who are in any way connected with the Stock Exchange this review will bring to mind the many upsetting factors which caused the severe break in prices. Few of us, only a year ago, could have foreseen what this year held in store for us. The industrial boom in Britain, helped by the Government's rearmament scheme, and coupled with the cheapness of money, caused great activity in the earlier months of the year, and prices forged ahead at a great pace, and on all sides the opinion was that it would be the busiest and most prosperous year for a long time past. Such bright hopes were soon dashed to the ground.

ADVERSE INFLUENCES

The first real blow came in the British Budget, when a new tax was levied on British industrial companies, and although the method of assessment was later altered it had the effect of putting a curb on business and bringing about a reduction in the price of Industrial shares. Next in importance was the "gold scare," which resulted in a collapse in Gold Mining shares, and caused heavy selling in other sections. On top of all this the Continental political situation was in a state of tension for the greater part of the year, and wars and rumours of wars played a big part in the course of markets. Then in the closing stages came the severe break in Wall Street, and American securities came tumbling down in values, bringing all other classes of securities along with them. So it was that it was next to impossible to judge the prospects of markets, even over a period of a week.

LOCAL MARKETS BRIGHT

During these critical periods the Dublin Stock Exchange stood out alone, being prominent in that Irish securities maintained a generally firm appearance, and interest showed no sign of falling off. Many of the newly-formed companies, which had to surmount difficulties in the initial years, revealed the fact that they were beginning to get on their feet. Investors, too, continued to favour home stocks and shares, thus showing the increasing confidence they had in them. Business throughout the Free State was quite satisfactory, and there appeared no decrease in the public's spending capacity.

NEW ISSUES' SUCCESS

As was to be expected, the number of new flotations was not as big as in the preceding years. This was only natural, seeing that almost every class of industry is now covered by these new companies. There were only nine capital issues, as compared with fifteen in the previous years. Still, although small in number, they created great interest. The Browne and Nolan issue of Preference shares was an outstanding success, and the response to the Hammond Lane Foundry flotation was so large that allotments had to be made by ballot. There is still plenty of money in this country ready to be invested in soundly managed Irish companies.

REPLY TO CRITICISM

Some time ago people outside this country criticised the industrial development here by calling it "swallow industry." The Minister for Industry and Commerce's reply is rather interesting to investors. He pointed out that each new industry set up here during recent years was established to meet the requirements of the home market. The best way to build up industrial development was on the known requirements of an existing market. These companies are not dependent on the uncertain condition of an export market, but on the purchasing power of their own people. He also pointed out that the Government's programme is not yet complete.

FUNDS LOWER

The Free State Funds lost a little ground, but the falls are not steep. The decline in the price of gilt-edged securities is due to the prevailing market condition. Many people found that the return to be had from these securities was rather small, and, consequently, they were compelled to go further afield to increase their incomes. At present they compare very favourably with British issues, and the security is quite sound. Investors here who must have safety at all costs could not do better than invest in one of these excellent stocks. 4½ per Cent. Land Bonds, for instance, which carries the guarantee of both Irish and British Governments, give a yield of £4 3s. 4d. per cent., and look an excellent holding. British Stocks also have fallen away. Earlier in the year these issues were favoured by foreigners, who looked on this market as the best place to place their savings. Since then a good deal of this money was withdrawn.

ATTRACTIVE ISSUES

Corporation issues, as usual, met with a steady investment demand, which kept prices up to the levels and more of a year ago. Owing to the uncertainty prevailing during the greater part of the year many people were inclined to buy gilt-edged stocks with a definite date of redemption, thus ensuring themselves of a return of capital in several years hence. To those who are so disposed would be well advised to turn their attention to this section. The yields to be had are comparatively attractive and the security sound.

BANKS STEADY

Banking descriptions held their own remarkably well, and values are little altered. Many people are very much against these shares as an investment, but they are quite sound for those who have a liking for them. All the companies are well-managed concerns, and they all should do well when the industrial development of the country gets a firm footing. The rumours of the establishment of a State Bank did much to create a certain amount of uncertainty, but now it is almost safe to say that this will not materialise—at least for a long time ahead.

GUINNESS

The market in Guinness Ordinary shares was again a disappointing one, and they fell from 142s. 6d. to 121s. 6d., in sympathy with other leading industrials. They were heavily sold, mostly on London account, but there was always a fairly good local demand. In the past year it will be remembered that there was a decline of £100,319 in the net profit, but the Ordinary distribution was maintained at 29 per cent. At the general meeting the chairman pointed out that the brewery at Park Royal had fully justified anticipations. A considerable portion of the English trade was now supplied from this source. No difference had been found in quality or flavour between the product brewed in Dublin or in England. The product "Gye," met with success in this country, and at a later date they might decide to put it on the English market. Brewing costs were increasing, and are likely to be heavier.

ATTRACTIVE PURCHASE

These shares have always been a popular fancy, both here and in London. The company is in an exceptionally sound position, and has always a ready market for its products. The spending power in Britain has increased, and the company should derive some benefit from this. If and when the industrial market brightens the Ordinary shares in this concern should be one of the first to show recovery. Under the circumstances they look attractive at anywhere round their present price.

SOME RECOVERY

Cairnes, Ltd., the Drogheda brewers, showed a further improvement in trading during the year. The net profit was increased and the Ordinary dividend raised from 3 per cent. to 4 per cent. Many economies were effected, but it was impossible to reduce expenditure to any real extent. The company had a bad year in 1935, but since then it has shown good signs of recovery, and it is to be hoped that the directors' efforts to bring its products before the public will meet with the success it so well deserves.

BETTER TRADING CONDITIONS

Distilleries have had a much more satisfactory year. Dublin Distillers issues were again well in the limelight. The Ord. and "A" Ord stocks were in great demand on the offer of purchase of these stocks at 5s. This offer fell through because the buyers did not get sufficient response owing to the difficulty in getting in touch with holders abroad. At the general meeting it was pointed out that the difficulties that lay in the way of this offer were now surmounted, but no further information was given. The company's home sales had increased and the prospects were brighter. The report also showed a good increase in profits. It is almost certain that these issues will continue to hold their speculative interest. J. Power and Son, Ltd., showed in their report that the distillery trade was enjoying better times, and the chairman at the annual meeting said he looked forward to a continuation of this satisfactory recovery. The 5 p.c. Debenture stock is an attractive industrial holding.

RAILWAYS

Railways were one of the blackest spots of the market, and, in the last months of the year, interest was almost negligible. The traffics of the Great Southern to date show a decrease of £20,672 on the previous year, but it must be borne in mind that there was a marked recovery in former years, and we cannot expect too much. As we pointed out a year ago, expenditure must be very heavy during the year as regards new rolling stock and upkeep of stations which were allowed to go neglected during the "slump" period. Most of the stocks had reached levels which discounted prospects a long way ahead. Furthermore, the company will be faced with a fresh demand for wages in the shape of the restoration of the "cut" effected some years previously. Twelve months ago we recommended holders who had good profits to take them, but it now looks that the fall is much overdone. The Debenture stock at 82½ looks a very sound investment, while the Guaranteed stock, at present obtainable around 66, seems even more attractive; for it gives a yield of £6 1s. 3d. per cent., and has great scope for capital appreciation, when it is remembered that at this time last year it stood as high as 94.

GREAT NORTHERN

The position of the Great Northern seems to get worse each year, and the prices of the junior stocks are down to almost rubbish levels. It looks like as if the Government of Northern Ireland will have to do something to help this company. The Ordinary and Preference shareholders at the moment have little hope of getting any return for their money they have invested, while each year sees the value of their stocks dwindling away. There is at present little to give them even a small ray of hope.

ALLIANCE GAS

Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Ord. still holds its commanding position in the industrial section, for which there is always a steady investment demand. This company maintains the steady progress made in past years. Recently the company held a show of their products, and the wonderful display gave evidence of the way it has worked to keep up-to-date for modern requirements. Although electricity for lighting purposes is now generally popular, there is no doubt that gas is most used for other purposes. The company's by-products are also a profitable side of the business. There is no reason why the company should not still hold its present proud position. At the present price they return £4 18s. 9d. for money, which is very attractive from such a sound industrial.

DUBLIN TRAMS

Dublin Tramway issues were well maintained during the year, but towards the close there was a liquidation. Many people feel that the present price fully represents prospects for some time to come. There is no doubt that it will, for a year or so, be faced with heavy expenditure in the nature of the building of new buses, etc., which will make an inroad in profits. Still, taking a longer view, the prospects appear bright; for this expenditure will not be one that will recur annually. The Debenture issues look attractive for those seeking stocks with a definite date of redemption.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS

The Irish Industrial market has broadened considerably during the past few years, and nowadays it is customary to find this section claiming most attention on the Dublin Stock Exchange, even to the exclusion of British Industrials. This was most particularly noticeable this year, when such nervousness was prevalent in other centres. Irish investors were even more prone to keep their money at home, where there appeared a much more favourable outlook. The rises were not so marked as in other years, but they were quite favourable, considering the exceptional year we have gone through. Local Preference shares were again favoured by the small investor, who has to play for safety, and in the majority of cases this has carried on the improving tendency of the past few years.

STEADY PROGRESS

Irish industrial reports issued during the year were, in the majority, quite up to expectations, and showed that the industrial development of this country was justified. It is true that a few companies were slow in getting established, but this will in time come right. It must be remembered that they were opening up new ground, and were fighting a hard uphill fight. Many of them, only in their infancy, were faced with labour troubles, but most of these were happily surmounted and, let us hope, that a better atmosphere will now prevail.

OUTLOOK STILL BRIGHT

In days like these it is extremely difficult to forecast the future with any degree of certainty, but it seems safe to predict that Irish securities will command the same amount of attention as they have in the previous years. Again, the newer companies, which have followed a sound financial policy, must do well for they have a ready market for their products, which is protected by big tariffs. Under the circumstances there is no reason why they should not do well and that shareholders should not be well repaid for investing their money in Irish industry.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS

Turning our eyes to the British industrial section, the position is not so pleasing. We have passed through a truly disappointing year, and one which had started off with such promise. To-day we find most holders of British Industrials faced with large paper losses, even in good class securities. All sections alike were subjected to the same severe marking down in prices. The slump was quite different from those we have had in the past. Previous periods of dulness were brought about by general trade depression. To-day the position is quite different. Trade in Britain is in a flourishing condition, and most leading companies are doing a good trade. The slump in prices is brought about chiefly by the tension on the Continent and the many influences set out at the beginning of this survey.

UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS

Reports and dividends issued during the year were generally excellent, but these were passed by almost unnoticed and had no effect on prices other than to put them still lower. Prices are now down to levels which look definitely attractive, and the leaders must hold scope for capital appreciation, provided no untoward events occur. The outlook looks more promising, but who can tell for how long it will remain so? If one can be sure that the present clouds will roll away, then the present seems an excellent time to pick up cheap lines of shares. Iron and Steels look to have undoubted scope, and should stand higher in time.

RUBBERS AND KAFFIRS

Rubbers, after a brilliant start, faded right out of the picture. Kaffirs, too, failed to recover from the effects of the "gold scare." The falls registered by the leaders in the latter section were rather steep at one time, but since then there has been some recovery. Good-class gold shares are an attractive holding, for they pay good dividends and are equally as sound as most British industrials. Many people look on them as speculative, but this is an old, mistaken idea.

THE OUTLOOK

Now we turn our eyes to 1938 in order to try and foresee what the new year holds for us. British securities are still under a cloud, and investors will have to use the greatest caution. People wishing to safeguard their capital will be well advised to confine their attention to stocks with a definite date of redemption. The home market will still hold attention, and investors can almost be sure that good-class stocks and shares will again display the firm conditions which we have become so accustomed to in the past.

PRICE CHANGES

We append a full list of Irish securities, and a few selected British securities, showing the price changes of the year:—

	Dec. 29, 1936.	Dec. 29, 1937.	Rise or Fall.
GOVERNMENT FUNDS.			
5% Sec. Nat. Loan ...	116⅞	113	-3⅞
4½% Third Nat. Loan	113	109	-4
3½% Fourth Nat. Ln.	103½	101½	-2
4% Conv. Loan	108½	105	-3½
4½% Land Bonds	110⅛	107⅛	-3
4½% New Land Bonds	108½	104½	-4
4% Land Bonds	104	102	-2
Agric. Credit 5% (1st Series)	108½	105½	-3
Irish Sug. 4% Deb. ...	104	101	-3
BRITISH FUNDS.			
2½% Consol.	84	74½	-9½
3½% War Loan	105⅞	101⅞	-3¾
4% Funding Loan	116	112⅛	-3⅞
4% Victory Bonds	114½	111	-3½
3½ Conv. Loan	106½	101⅛	-4⅞
2½% Guar. Land Stock, 1921	97½	96½	-1
Guar. 2½% Land Stock, 1933	95⅜	77	-8¾
Do. 3½% Stock, 1939	95½	85	-10½
3% Local Loans	96⅛	86⅛	-9½
India 3½% Stock	97½	92½	-5
Do. 3% Stock	85⅛	79½	-6
CORPORATION STOCKS.			
Cork 4%	100	100½	+½
Dublin 3½%	97	96⅛	-1
Do. 3½%	99½	96⅛	-3½
Do. 4%	106½	101	-5½
Do. 4½%	106½	104½	-2
Do. 5% 1946-76	107⅞	106⅞	-1
Do. 5% 1950-70	111½	109⅞	-1½
Dublin Port & Docks 3½%	89½	86½	+3¼
Do. 5%	110½	110⅝	-⅛
Do. Bridge 5%	110½	107	-3½
Dundalk 4%	92½	91	-1½
BANKS.			
Bank of Ireland	333	333	—
Hibernian £20 (£5 paid)	11¼	11¼	+¼
Munster and Leinster £5 (£2 paid)	118/0	121/0	+3/0
National £5 (£1 paid)	53/3	53/6	+0/3
Northern "A" £10 (£2 paid)	118/3	115/0	-3/3
Provincial Old £8 (£1 paid)	57/0	58/0	+1/0
Do. New £2 (£1 paid)	55/0	55/0	—
Royal £50 (£10 paid)	16¾	17	+¼
BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.			
Cairnes Ord.	65/0	70/0	+5/0
Do. 6% Pref.	7	6¾	-¼
Do. 4½% Deb.	71½	69	-2½
Dublin Distillers "A"	2/7½	2/9	+0/1½
Do. 4½% Deb.	66½	70½	+4
Guinness Ord.	142/6	121/6	-21/0
Do. 6% Pref.	15¾	14¼	-1½
J. Power 5% Deb	19/10½	19/7½	-0/3
CANAL, RAILWAYS AND TRAMS.			
Grand Canal Ord.	65/0	55/0	-10/0
Do. 3% Pref.	100/0	100/0	—
Great Northern Ord....	10½	5½	-5
Do. Pref.	27½	15	-12½
Do. Guaranteed	69	50	-19
Def. Deb.	84½	70	-14½
Gt. Southern Ord.	58	25	-33
Do. Pref.	61	33½	-27½
Do. Gtd.	94½	66	-28½
Do. Deb.	95	82½	-12½
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ALL Waterproof Covers for Carts, Vans, Threshers, Lorries; Rick Covers, Sacks, Bags, Tents, Marquees; best terms.—Coleman, 21-25 Chancery street, Dublin. T

BARGAINS in Rebuilt Typewriters, all makes.—Flood, 204 Pearse street. Telephone, 72703. 3 X

COVERS for Ricks, Carts, Threshers, Lorries; Tarpaulins, Sacks.—Petrie Brothers, 35 Usher's quay, Dublin. T

DUNKELEY Go-car, good condition, cost seven guineas, Sell £3; no illness.—R O 683, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 30 B

FIVE GUINEAS to Solvers of Picture Puzzle. See Christmas Number of "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES." Now on Sale. 27 F

SHOP Fittings, Counters, Mirrors, Shelving, Showstands, etc., to be Sold by Auction, Tuesday next, 4th January, at 29 Dame street (B. McMullen, Gentlemen's Outfitter, whose lease is up). On view morning of Sale from 10 a.m. Sale at 12 o'clock.—Battersby and Co., Auctioneers, Dublin. 28 A

TYPEWRITERS, every make, from £4, guaranteed. Norman Typewriter, Engineering Works, Trinity street. Established 1897. 32 14

SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.

WRITE us for the cash prices we are paying for the New Constitution Stamps.—Mint Stamp Co., 74 Grafton street, Dublin. 24 E

WANTED, Child's Tricycle and Rocking Horse, perfect; state price.—D 1535, this office.

WANTED, Dental Hecolite Press; must be cheap. D 1485, this office. 29 A

SHOOTING, SPORTING, GAMES.

FOR Sale, D.B. Hammerless Non-ejector, 12 bore, by Wm. Evans (from Purdey), A.D. action, new condition, £25, complete.—D 1489, this office. 29 E

GARNETT'S for Guns, Rifles, Cartridges, Fishing Tackle and Gun Repairs. Catalogues free.—Garnett's, 31 Parliament street, Dublin. T

WATCHES, REPAIRS, JEWELLERY.

ABOUT Old Gold, Sovereigns, Precious Stones, etc.; highest prices paid; country parcels cash by return; reliable Clock, Watch, Jewellery Repairs.—Pillar House Jewellery, Henry street, Dublin. T

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GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

SUMMER BEDDING PLANTS.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Garden Correspondent says:—

With the commencement of the new year attention will have to be devoted to the preservation, in the first place, and the propagation of these. The first step to take should be to form an estimate of the numbers of each kind that are likely to be required, the stocks of the various plants gone carefully over, and the necessary preparations for propagation made. Many of the soft-wooded plants will root freely in a little bottom heat from now onwards, and if kept growing will yield several crops of cuttings if wanted. These will include geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias, heliotrope, ageratums, coleus, etc. A compost of loam, leaf-mould and sand will suit all the foregoing, and it is a good plan to have a sprinkle of sand on the surface to adhere to the base of the cuttings when being inserted. A moist atmosphere and a gentle bottom heat will ensure a good strike of cuttings.

AT Drummond's—Choice stocks of Fruit Trees and Roses, grown under ideal conditions in virgin soil at our Carlow Nurseries; enquiries welcomed; catalogues free; special quotations for quantities.—Dawson street, Dublin, and Carlow.

A SPECIALIST in Garden Planning, rock gardens, crazy paving, rustic pergolas, hard tennis courts, colour patis; material supplied; R.H.S. medallist.—E. G. White, F.R.H.S., Whitechurch Nurseries, Rathfarnham, Dublin. Dublin, 95197. T

AURICULAS, 3/-; Canterbury Bells, 1/6; Sweet William, 1/6; Iceland Poppies, 1/6; Siberian Wallflower, 1/6; Pansies, 2/-; Daisies, 1/-; Wallflowers, 9d.; etc., etc., all per dozen, postage 6d. extra. List on application.—Canon Patten, Fethard. 26 X

CLEARANCE Sale, surplus Spring-flowering Bulbs; special terms for quantities; particulars on application.—Wm. Power and Co., Waterford. 27 E

CLONGOWES Wood Castle, Co. Kildare, is the Historic Irish Mansion featured in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 28 F

GREENHOUSE, 4 inch hot water pipes, 300 feet, for Sale, Address "Z 3338, Greenhouse," this office. 29 E

KILPATRICK—All bearing this Name should see the Irish Family Names page in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 28 F

LISSADELL Harbinger Early York Cabbage Plants, 2/- 100, post free; cash with order, subject unsold.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. T

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC. CONTINUED.

NEW Year Gifts—Pot Plants, Christmas Trees for parties; nice selections.—Bradshaw, Parliament street. 29 A

ROCK Plants—Splendid plants, mostly ex pots, in great variety, 12, all different, 5/-, 25 10/-, 50 19/-; carriage 6d. extra. Also Herbaceous Plants in great variety. Lists free.—Canon Patten, Fethard. 9 X

SUTTON'S (Reading) Seeds—Special Irish Catalogue now available from Findlater's, Findlater's Corner, Dublin. No duty need be added to prices in this catalogue. T

TOMATO Plants—We have now ready 3,000 Tomato Plants, Bides N.C.O., strong plants in 3-inch pots, 10 inches high. These plants are hardened off for planting in cool houses, 35/- per 100; carriage paid on orders of 100 or over. Plant now and have tomatoes ripe in May.—Griffin's Nurseries, Limerick.

POULTRY, FISH, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

TURKEYS.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times* the Poultry Correspondent says:

There is a great advantage in turkeys that lay early. If they begin, as is often the case, in February, it should be possible to get a second batch of eggs from such birds. The first batch of eggs should be collected according as laid, and may be either farmed out to broodie hens or even artificially hatched, while the turkey is cured of her broodiness, and then allowed to run with the other stock until such time as she lays again. If natural hatching methods are preferred she may be allowed to hatch the second batch of eggs. In the case of late layers one batch of eggs is probably all that will be forthcoming in time for a seasonable hatching

ALWAYS use Williamson's Poultry Foods, Household Flour, Wholemeal Small Wheat; cheap; prompt deliveries; telephone 43006. All communications to 182 Pearse street. 16 X

COCKERELS, Pedigree Rhodes, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Sussex. 10/6, 15/6, 21/-; large New Laid Eggs, Table Chickens prepared; Sittings 7/6, reduction quantity.—Fairyhill, Blackrock. Tel. 136. 29 A

DELICIOUS Eggs, one day old, at Poultry Farm, 29 Albert road, Glenageary. 28 F

EGGS from my champion layers, Rhode Islands, White Wyandottes, 70/- per 100, 4/6 for 15, carriage paid; Chicks, 12/6 per dozen.—Mrs. Strong, Moate House, Kells, Meath. 30 B

PEACOCKS for Sale, reasonable.—O'Connor, Carrick Hill, Malahide.

RELIABLE Settings, Indian Game x Wyandotte, 2/6; Indian Game Cock.—Burtonhall, Carlow.

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A LARGE Mahogany Round Cornered Chest Drawers, £5; two pairs of Chinese Vases, very good Indian Carpet, 9 x 9, blue and pink beige colours.—Woods, 77 Aungier street.

CARPETS—1,000 Carpets always in stock to choose from. Save 33 1-3 on your purchases. We have no expensive shop windows; only entrance to Showrooms through halldoor.—Cable Mills, 25 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. 'Phone 44491. T

LAWLOR Briscoe will Buy or Sell your Surplus Furniture, Auctions every Thursday.—35 Ormond quay. T

LADY moving to smaller house wishes to dispose of various articles of Furniture, including Danemann Upright Piano, perfect condition. List on application. 'Phone, Blackrock 349. 29 A

MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

BECHSTEIN Grand, full size, only four years' use.—R O 684, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 30 B

THE Gramophone Stores, Johnston's Court, Grafton street, Dublin, are Agents for Parlophone Records, Gramophone and Radio Sets. Civility and attention to all inquiries. T

DRESS, FURS AND COSTUMES.

ABOUT Clothes—Ladies', Gent's and Children's Left-off Clothing, etc., Purchased.—Mrs. White, 15 Aungier street. 28 B

A BUYER sent for Left-off Clothing.—Goodwin and Co., 152 Parnell street, Dublin. 29 A

FOR Sale, Fur Coat, Persian paw, perfect condition; £10.—D 1549, this office. 30 B

LADIES', Gent's, Children's Wardrobes, Gold, Silver Purchased; highest cash prices.—Meion's, Patrick street, Kingstown. 78 2

SELLING Child's Party Frock, Woollen Overcoats; excellent condition.—6 Wyndham Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

UNSATISFACTORY dealing by any Advertiser in this column should be immediately reported to the Manager of the "Irish Times." X

WANTED, Tweed Overcoat, in good condition, to fit boy of 12 years. Address "Z 3360, Coat," this office. 30 B

HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

A GENT'S Pig Skin Hunting Saddle, best English make, £6 6/-; owner going abroad. Address "Z 3327, Saddle," this office. 28 F

FOR Sale, full size Horse Sheets, canvas and bound; reasonable.—Maxwell's, 28 Henry street. T

CATTLE, LIVE STOCK.

COW, superior Dairy Shorthorn Heifer, just calved; also two heavy Milkers.—Belconri, Bray. 28 F

SIAMESE Kitten wanted; state age and price.—1836, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 30 F

DOGS.

ALSATIAN Puppies for Sale, champion pedigree, both parents well known prize-winners.—D. F. O'Connell, 12 Whitworth road, Drumcondra.

CAIRNS for Sale, puppies and adults; winners at Stud.—Mrs. Kay MacLean, Kinnitty, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin. 29 A

COCKER Puppies for Sale, 3 months (by Silver Dale ex Dam Malestay of Ware). Apply Rostock Grange, Glenstown road, Dundrum. 30 F

DUBLIN Dog Show Society Show—For Special Report and List of Awards see To-morrow's issue of "The Irish Field."

FOR Sale, Pedigree Sealyham Terrier Puppies, sire and dam prize winners.—39 Lower Buckingham street, Dublin. 28

FOR Sale, Irish Blue Terrier Pups, (females), two months, splendid pedigree; cheap.—5 Seafield avenue, Clontarf. 29 A

FOR interesting Irish Kennel News, Articles and Special Reports of Dog Shows, also official and exclusive Irish Kennel Club Reports and Registrations, read "THE IRISH FIELD." On Sale every Saturday. Price 2d. T

PEKINGESE Puppies for Sale, first prize winning litter, males only; seen any time by appointment. Address "Z 3356, Puppies," this office. 30 F

PEKINGESE Puppies, prize bred, lovely gifts. 'Phone 61423.—Grace, 15 Dartmouth square, Dublin. 30 B

SETTERS, English male, Irish female, both perfectly trained, rock steady.—Tyrrell, Drumconnick, Cavan 30 F

BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

A SMALL, fully equipped Bakery in leading city thoroughfare to Let; rent, £104.—Etchingham and Co., 11 Lower Baggot street. T

BOARDING House, 22 beds, full running order, £1,600; splendid opportunity.—Arthur Jones, Stephen's Green. 29 A

DAME street—Two Offices, first floor, front and back, freshly painted and papered, partly furnished, with connecting door; moderate rent.—77 Dame street. 30 B

FACTORY to Let or for Sale, with ideal offices; suitable for light or heavy industry, in a good neighbourhood; 30 cwt. economic electric gantry is installed, covering an area of 6,000 square feet; total area available approximately 12,000 square feet. Conditions and particulars, 10 to 12.30 daily, at 107 Cork street, Dublin. 'Phone 51743 T

FARM of 75 Irish Acres wanted, within 20 miles Dublin; good residence essential.—D. Burke, 35b Kildare street. 30 B

LOCK-UP Shop to Let, Blackrock. Apply Willoughby, George's avenue, Blackrock. 29 A

BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, CONTINUED.

OFFICE wanted, share telephone and typist.—D 1425, this office. 28 F

OFFICE to Let, first floor, well lighted.—28 South Anne street.

STEPHEN'S Green—32 York street, Factory, Warerooms, Offices, 70 x 20, two floors; rear entrance.—Arthur George Joyce, Solicitor, 121 Stephen's Green. 29 A

WHOLESALE Fruit Business for Sale, price £500, including goodwill and two lorries in perfect condition, turnover approximately £11,000 per annum. Applications from principals only to Ryan and Co., Accountants and Auditors, 22 Eustace street, Dublin; telephone, 72152. 29 F

BUILDING SITES.

BUILDING Site, main road, South suburbs, suitable shops, houses, or factory; Sell or Let.—Browne and Dowse, 2 Grafton street.

FOR Disposal, valuable Site, about 13,000 square feet, near docks and railways, North side; electric and water mains laid to it.—1507, this office. 30 B

HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE AND WANTED.

A BANDON House-hunting—Intending Purchasers and Sellers should consult Gerrey and Good, Lincoln place 'phone 62468. Inspection facilitated by car. Loans arranged. T

ALBERT MacARTHUR, The Housefinder, MacArthur House, 17 D'Olier street. Telephone 44941, Dublin. T

"AUCTION Sale," Tuesday, 11th January, at "MacArthur House," D'Olier street, by Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 26 E

"AUCTION Sale"—Four 2 storey, modern Houses (in lots) in Tower avenue, off Brighton road, Rathgar, and McMorrough road, Harold's Cross road, near Brighton square; excellent investment property. "Executor's Sale." 26 E

"AUCTION Sale"—Comfortable, nicely planned, modern House, 12 Ashfield Park, near Brighton square, Terenure; drawingroom, diningroom, 4 bedrooms, maid's room, bathroom, bright kitchen, nice garden, conservatory. Open daily. 26 E

"AUCTION Sale"—Compact, red, bright House, 66 Richmond road, Drumcondra; diningroom, drawingroom (pretty mantlepiece), 3 bedrooms, bathroom, neat kitchen (with Terrace Floor), electricity heating. Open daily. 26 E

"AUCTION Sale"—"Algar," Dundrum road; neat, modern residence; 'bus route, just over Milltown Bridge; 8 apartments, bathroom, etc. For absolute Sale. Open daily. 26 E

"AUCTION Sale"—Vico Stores, 'bus stop, Killiney, ideal position, tea rooms, ice cream parlour, general stores; double shop, dwelling apartments, spacious garden. "Knock out price." 21 E

"AUCTION Sale"—Part cash will do for above lots, by previous arrangement with Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 26 E

AT Merton Drive, Ranelagh—Attractive, brick-built Houses, convenient to schools, churches and shopping centre; 2d. tram to city; price £1,175 to £1,200. Apply on site. 28 B

ADJOINING Leeson street—Splendid 12 roomed House, £1,350.—Arthur Jones, 10 Stephen's Green. 29 A

AT Blackrock—Grove avenue, near junction of Grove and Merrion avenues—Semi-detached Houses, all brick, 7 apartments, garage, good garden; low ground rent; price £950; deposit £150, balance out of income; free lease. 29 A

ATTRACTIVE, up-to-date, semi-detached House; 4 bedrooms; garage, fine garden; Mount Merrion, Blackrock.—D 1481, this office. 29 A

ATTRACTIVE, non-basement Residence, on 6 acres, South Co. Dublin, kitchen, gardens and steward's house let at £150; Furniture if required; price £3,600.—D 1478, this office. 29 A

A FULLY Furnished Private Hotel for Sale; moderate price.—Etchingham and Co., 11 Lower Baggot street. T

ADJOINING Ballsbridge—Compact, modern House, with garage; £950.—Etchingham and Co., 11 Lower Baggot street.

AT Dalkey—Attractive Cottage, five apartments; garden; £475. Bungalow, £800.—Megahey, Sandycove road. 30 B

AT Blackrock, Maretimo Gardens, East, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom types, 2 large reception, up to date, labour saving; overlooking Dublin Bay, access to sea (picnic island), bathing, boating; grates and decoration to buyers' choice; inspect and see exceptional value on offer; open daily. Particulars on site, or Archer, 12 Lower Fitzwilliam street; 'phone 62023, Blackrock 434 and 435. 30 B

BLOCK of South suburban Houses, Business Premises, Ground Rents, annual income £375; price £2,000.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

BLACKROCK—Excellent House, garage, £1,000.—Arthur Jones, 10 Stephen's Green. 30 B

BLACKROCK, beautiful detached Residence; large selection Seapoint, Monkstown, Dun Laoghaire, Glenageary, Sandycove, Dalkey, Killiney, Ballsbridge, Stillorgan.—Boag, Blackrock, over Monument Creamery. 30 D

CASTLE avenue, Clontarf—Attractively designed, semi-detached Dwellinghouse; 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, garage; £1,125.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

CHOICE, modern Residence, Villiers road, Rathgar; 3 receptions, 5 bedrooms, garage, £1,275; another fine House, Westfield road, Terenure, £1,150.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

CLONGOWES Wood Castle, Co. Kildare, is the Historic Irish Mansion featured in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 28 F

"CLOSE to Bushy Park road"—Residence of exceptional charm, built in first class manner and attractively planned; includes 2 fine reception, 4 bedrooms, maid's room, garage, kitchen, excellent pantries; garage, beautifully laid-out garden; £1,800. Apply Wm. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street. 28 F

DISTINCTIVE style, non-easement, double fronted Residence, alongside Blackrock Baths, £1,175. Keys, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

DONNYBROOK—£850; 8 apartments, bathroom; modern house. Keys, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

DONNYBROOK—Attractive House—Three reception, five bedrooms, space garage. — D 1477, this office. 29 A

DRUMONDRA (£850)—Semi-detached, modern House, open situation, near tram, etc.; 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, bath, kitchen; large garden, garage space; electric and gas. Details, Battersby, 39 Westmoreland street. 30 B

DUNDRUM (£2,250)—Detached, modern House (all electric); 3 reception, study, 4 bedrooms, bath, kitchen; all conveniences. Details, Battersby, 39 Westmoreland street. 30 B

DOLLYMOUNT—Seven-roomed House, garage, £725. Arthur Jones, 10 Stephen's Green. 30 B

DETACHED Bungalows, pretty Cottages, all sizes, prices.—Boag, Blackrock, over Monument Creamery. 30 D

EATON square, Terenure—Comfortable, modern Dwellinghouse, £1,000; another, Hannaville Park, £850. Keys, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

FREEHOLD, ground rent £36; new property; Sell, bargain.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

FOR Sale, modern, semi-detached, non-basement House (built 1934), No. 19 Parkmore Drive, Kimmage road, E., Terenure; lease 800 years; g.r. £10; two reception, three bedrooms; garage, good garden; e. and gas; partial remission of rates; price £1,050. Apply Hickey and O'Reilly, 43 Dame street, Dublin. 30 B

HANDSOME detached Residence, Cowper Drive; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, £1,600; Palmerston Gardens, £1,300.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

KIMMAGE Road—Bargain, semi-detached, modern House, containing 2 reception, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, garden, garage, electric light and gas, price for quick Sale £675. Key with Agent, Thos. Dockrell, Sons and Co., Ltd., Auctioneers. 28 F

KILPATRICK—All bearing this Name should see the Irish Family Names page in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price twopence. 28 F

KINCORA road, Clontarf, Nos. 18 and 20—Two semi-detached Houses for Sale, separately; 2 reception rooms, sliding doors, French window to garden; modernly fitted, kitchen, scullery, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., garage; price £1,000. Full particulars from Sole Agents, Allen and Townsend, 11 Stephen's Green. 30 F

LEESON Park—Two big Houses, excellent residences, suitable for flats, £1,250, £1,550; another large House, Belgrave square, Rathmines, £1,100; Grosvenor square, £1,075; Dartmouth square, £1,300; Leinster road, £1,175.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

NORTH Circular road—Two Houses adjoining, suitable nursing home, flats, etc.; excellent accommodation; conveniently situated, 1d. fare Pillar; free of rent for ever. Details, Battersby, 39 Westmoreland street. 30 B

ON 8 acres, suburban Residence; billiard room, conservatories, fowl accommodation, stabling, gate lodge; £2,000.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

ON 60 acres, near Bungalow, also Cottage, unique and charming situation, Rockbrook, Rathfarnham; £1,200; also old world Residence, on 4 acres, pleasure grounds, stabling, fowl runs, £685.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

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RED brick Residence, near Leeson street; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, £1,300; another superior detached House, alongside Earlsfort terrace, £1,450.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

RAGLAN road—House, producing £243 yearly; bargain, £1,400; fine investment.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

RATHGAR—Attractive, modern, semi-detached six roomed House, garage, large garden, £950.—Another, Orwell road, £965.—Browne and Dowse, 2 Dawson street.

RATHGAR, £950, freehold, four bedrooms, garage, perfect order.—Arthur Jones, Stephen's Green.

SUPERIOR Family Residence, Elgin road, splendid order, £1,700; Waterloo road, £1,450, £1,500; Pembroke road, £1,000, £1,600; Morehampton road, £1,100, £1,400. Keys, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 23 E

SUNNY, attractive, "Labour-saving Houses," 10 apartments; facing mountains, main Templeogue road; marvellous accommodation and value; Fortfield Lodge grounds, Terenure; open daily; in construction. 29 A

SUPERIOR House, Rathmines; converted three flats, one occupied; garage.—D 1476, this office. 29 A

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SANDYMOUNT (£1,075)—Semi-detached; 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, bath; good garden, garage space. Details, Battersby, 39 Westmoreland street. 30 B

TERENURE—Modern, non-basement House, contains the 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, garden, space for garage, electric light and gas; remission of rates for 14 years; price £770. Seen on one order.—Thos. Dockrell, Sons and Co., Ltd., Agents. 28 F

HOUSES AND LANDS (CONTINUED).

WANTED immediately by cash buyer, medium sized Residence (6 or 7 rooms), with from 5 to 20 acres of land, within 10 miles of city, preferably Kilternan area. Send full details to Battersby and Co., Auctioneers, 39 Westmoreland street, Dublin. 30 B

16 FARNEY Park, Claremont road—Choice modern House, excellent repair; nice garden, garage; Sell bargain; open daily. Sole Agent, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 28 F

55 MALAHIDE road, Clontarf, semi-detached; 4 bedrooms, 2 reception, garage; long lease, remission rates.—D 1450, this office. 29 E

289 GRIFFITH avenue, 14 years' rates remission, £925; bargain. 29 A

£600—RATHMINES, 6 rooms, electricity, bath; etc. Another, £700.—Allen and Townsend, 11 Stephen's Green. 30 F

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AT Chapelizod—Two reception, three bedrooms, kitchen, gas and electric, bathroom, garden front and rear, garage if required; £80, free.—Dunbar, Santa Rosa, Chapelizod. 28 F

ALLEN and Townsend, 11 Stephen's Green, offer—Terenure, £96; Rathmines, £100; Cowper Gardens, £108; others Anglesea road, Northumberland road, etc. 30 B

BALLSBRIDGE—Attractive House; two reception, three bedrooms, garage.—D 1474, this office. 29 A

HOUSES for Letting, Furnished and Unfurnished. Apply Prim Bros., 21 Dawson street. X

HOUSE to Let, 17 Brendan road, Donnybrook. All particulars at 37 Eglinton road. 30 F

LET, Unfurnished, Herbert road, Ballsbridge, attractive, basementless House, seven apartments.—Megahey, Sandycove. 30 B

RATHMINES—Modern House, seven rooms; £90 free.—Browne and Dowse, 2 Dawson street.

£90 FREE, Rathmines, non-basement House, four bedrooms.—Arthur Jones, 10 Stephen's Green. 30 F

£100, FREE—Rathmines, 1d. tram; 6 rooms; good garden; all conveniences.—Allen and Townsend, 11 Stephen's Green. 30 F

HOUSES WANTED.

BLACKROCK and vicinity—Wanted, modern or old-fashioned House; 2 reception, 4 bedrooms; £800/£1,000. Replies Allen and Townsend, 11 Stephen's Green. 30 B

DUN Laoghaire, near stations, non-basement, four bedrooms; state lease, val., R.T., price; possession end January.—Box 240, Stephens's Library, Dun Laoghaire. 30 F

FURNISHED House wanted, Pembroke Township, by Phoenix Park neighbourhood, Chapelizod, or Dundrum; 3 reception rooms, 5 or 6 family bedrooms, 2 maids' rooms, garage; would be taken for a year.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street. 30 F

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